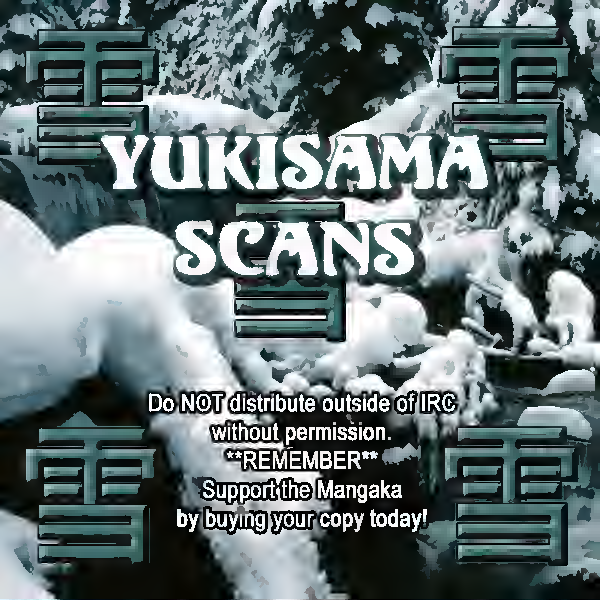
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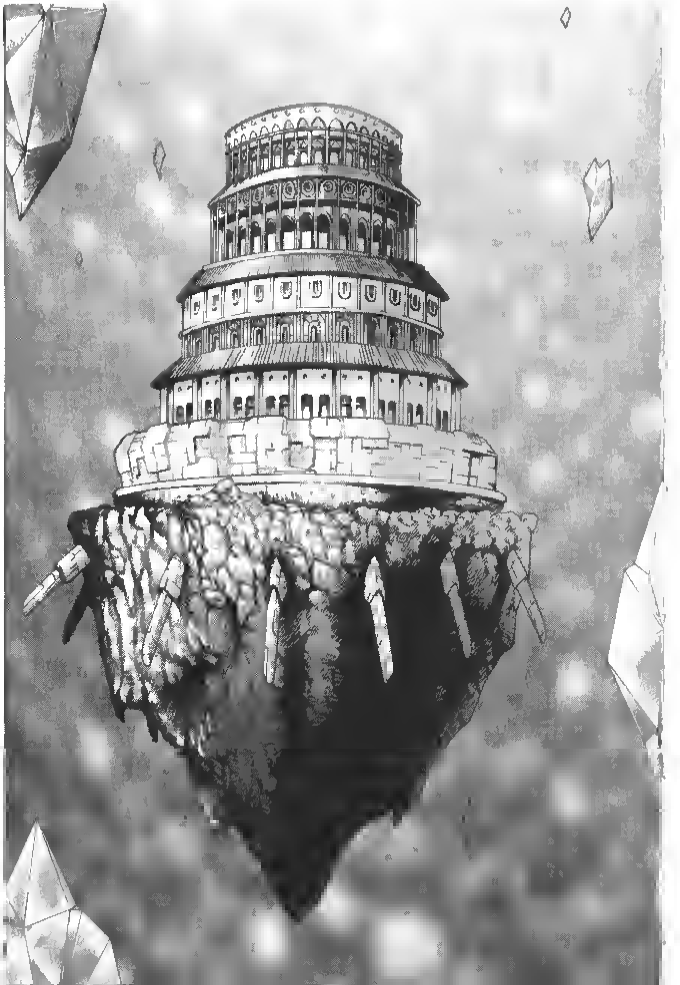

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More than 300 years ago, two lost souls were irrevocably intertwined. Deshuutai L. Rubichi, a vampire, and Kaluhika Mahvus, an aristocrat. They would become the unlikeliest of heroes, and later, the fiercest of allies. But a cruel fate, orchestrated by an unknown force beyond time itself, was to tear their friendship—their very worlds—apart.

Today they are mortal enemies, locked in a struggle of apocalyptic proportions. Deshuutai, joined by an immortal comrade from his past and a rag-tag group of stalwarts, seeks his revenge upon Kaluhika for the murder of his beloved Lilith all those centuries ago.

Kaluhika, now a god-like being, plots his own revenge. One of unholy retribution against all of mankind for years of cruelty heaped upon him as a human.

But before their paths can cross again, Deshuutai must gain abilities that will enable him to challenge Kaluhika's near-limitless power.

It is a quest that has brought him to a far-off land, full of strange people and customs... New York City.

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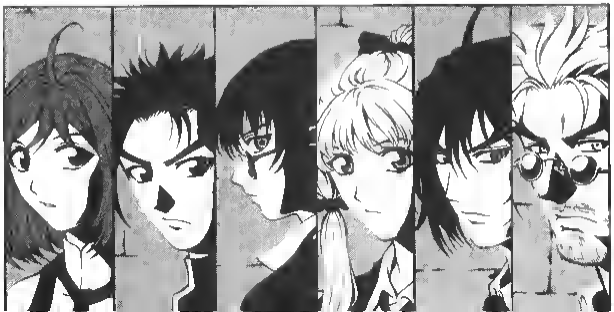

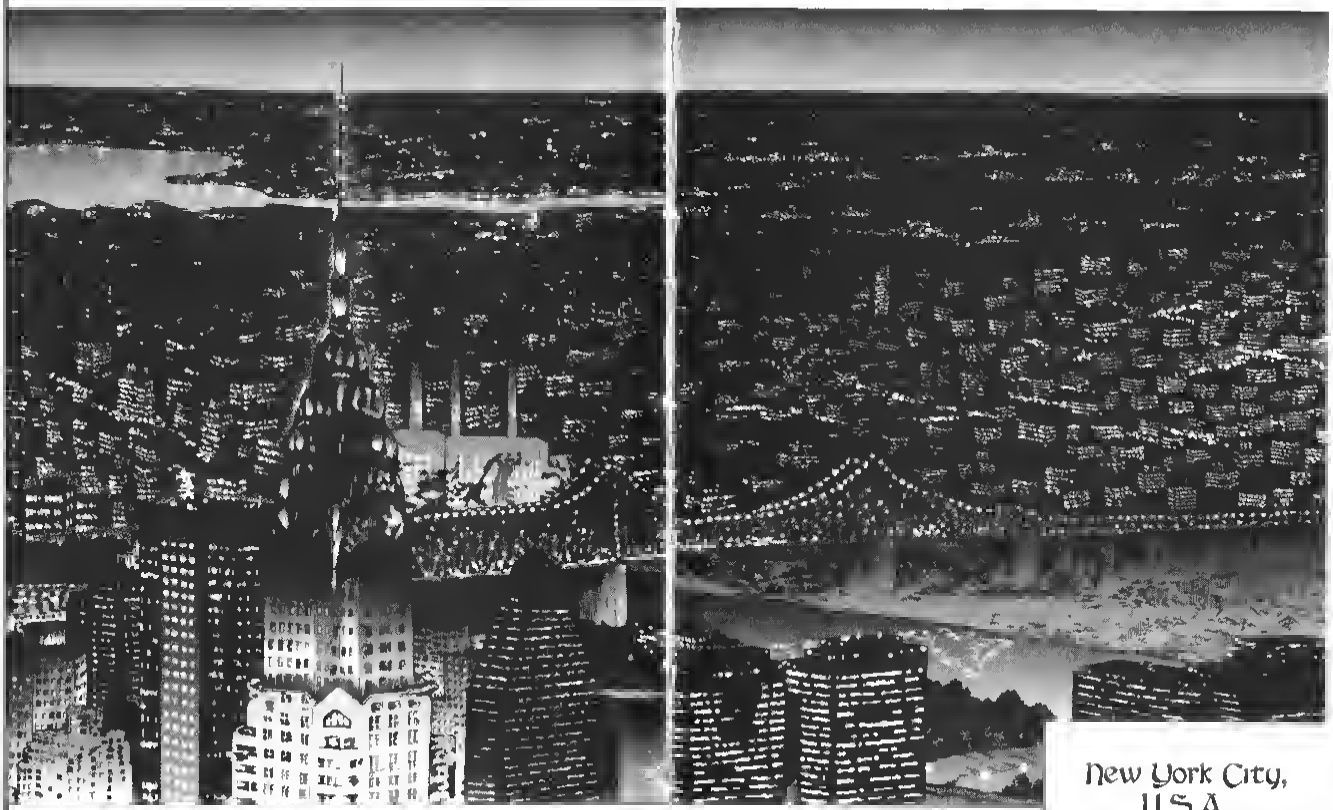

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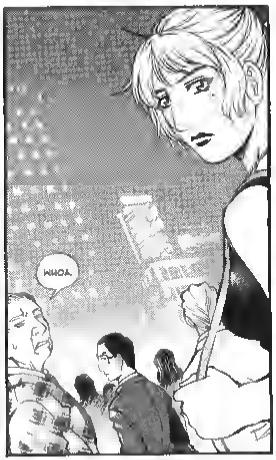
WHOA

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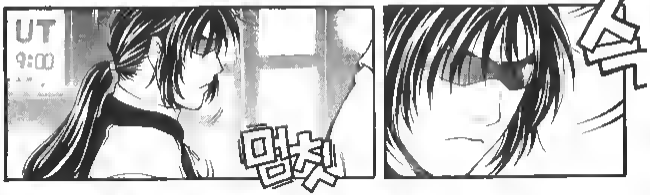
THIS WAY. QUICKLY NOW

HA! I LOVE THIS CITY! WOMEN EVERYWHERE!
I COULDN'T AGREE MORE MASTER!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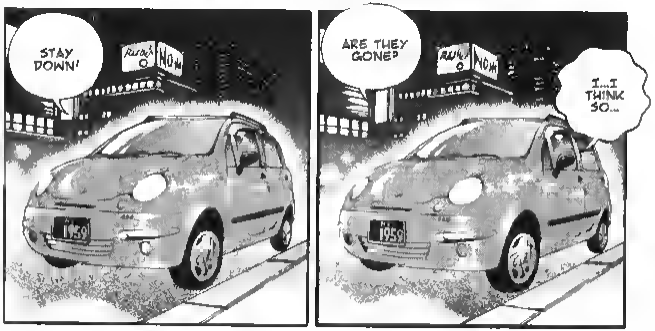
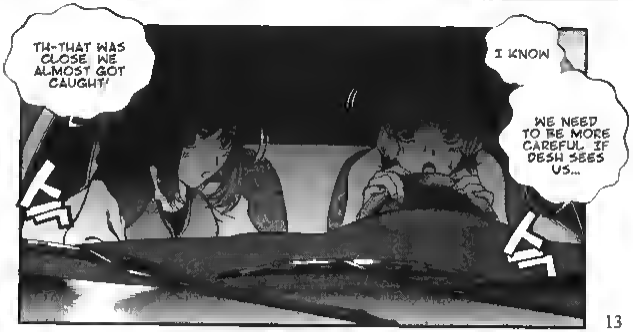

STAY DOWN!
ARE THEY GONE?
I...I THINK SO...

HUNH?
WHAT'S WRONG, DESH?
NOTHING KEEP MOVING


TH-THAT WAS CLOSE. WE ALMOST GOT CAUGHT!
I KNOW
WE NEED TO BE MORE CAREFUL. IF DESH SEES US...
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스

ANYWAY... THANKS FOR COMING WITH ME REM!
I DON'T THINK I COULD HAVE DONE THIS BY MYSELF
THAT'S OKAY. THERE'S NOTHING BACK IN KOREA FOR ME ANYWAY.
AND I DON'T INTEND TO JUST SIT QUIETLY AND WAIT FOR THE END OF THE WORLD, EITHER

BUT TELL ME, MILL. WHY WERE YOU SO EAGER TO FOLLOW THEM?
HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WELLLL IS IT MAYBE BECAUSE YOU WANT TO STAY CLOSE TO DESH?
AH! MR.LENEAR! WATCH OUT!!
OH! SORRY!

끼이익~!
CRAP!

I WAS JOKING, OKAY?! DON'T TRY AND KILL US! SHEESH!
HUFF
HUFF~
UH, NO, REM! IT'S NOT THAT.. IT'S JUST THAT, WELL... I...

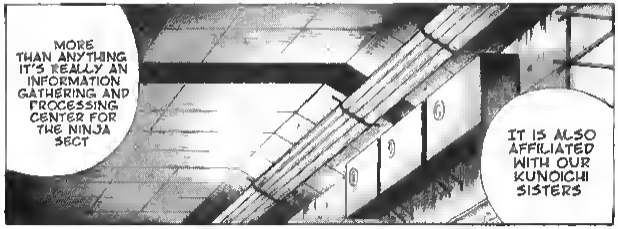
HA HA! DON'T WORRY, MILL. I WON'T TELL~

HEY!

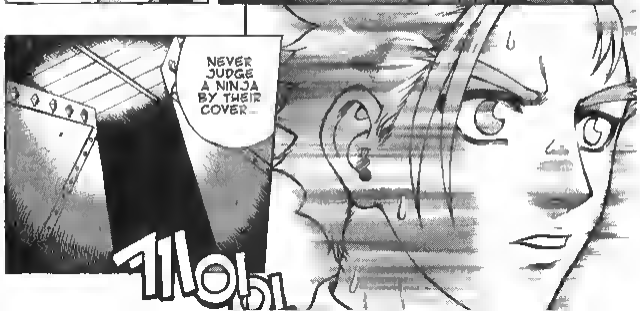
WH- WHERE'D THEY ALL GO?!
OH, NO! WE'VE LOST THEM!
휘이잉~

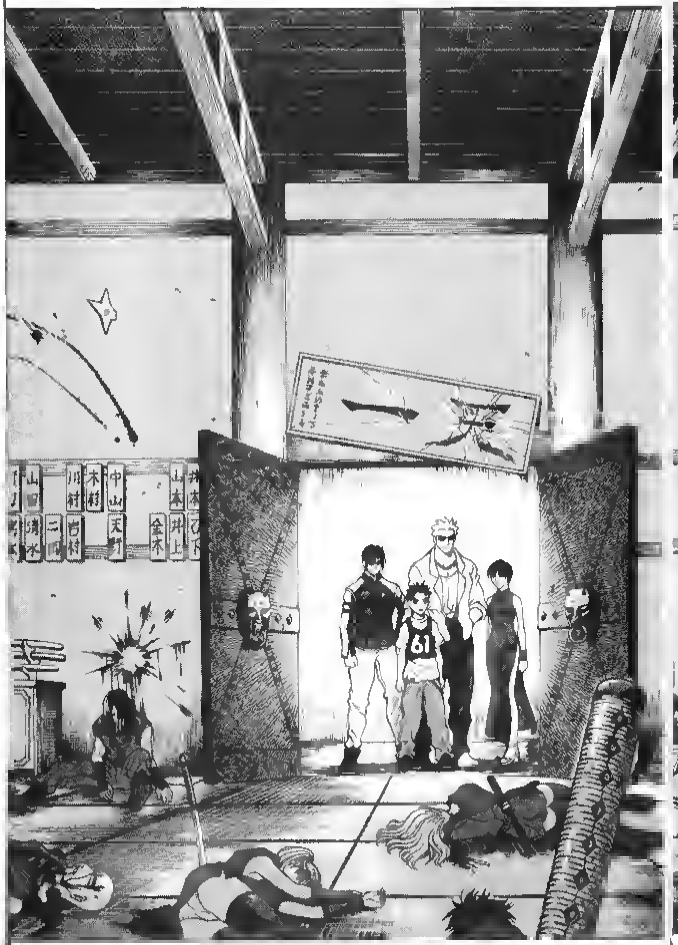
'SCUSE ME, MISS
EH?
YOU TWO GALS MILLENEAR AND REMI?
YES BUT HOW DID YOU--?
HERE S'FUR YOU
WHAT IS IT?
COULDN'T SAY A SECOND AGO A GIGANTIC BLOND-HAIRED FELLA W'TH A SCARRED FACE HANDS ME $50 TOLD ME TO GIVE YA THIS
HE DIDN'T SAY NO MORE
GIGANTIC MAN...
BLOND HAIR...
SCARRED FACE THAT'S
YEAH, IT'S RETT!
OH, MY!
LET'S SEE WHAT IT IS
KNOWING RETT IT'S PROBABLY PORN
Communication Parchment. Acts much like a mystical cell phone and homing device...

THANK YOU, RETT...
THANKS, GRANPA! YOU SAVED OUR LIVES!
DON'T THANK ME, I GOT PAID.
WELL?! TAKE A LOOK! LET'S FIND THEM!
RIGHT!
HMM... ALL RIGHT, THEY'RE HEADING NORTH...
THEY'RE STILL VERY CLOSE
AND IF I'M READING THIS RIGHT...
...I THINK THEY'RE UNDER-GROUND?


MORE THAN ANYTHING IT'S REALLY AN INFORMATION GATHERING AND PROCESSING CENTER FOR THE NINJA SECT
IT IS ALSO AFFILIATED WITH OUR KUNOICHI SISTERS

Kunoichi = female ninja

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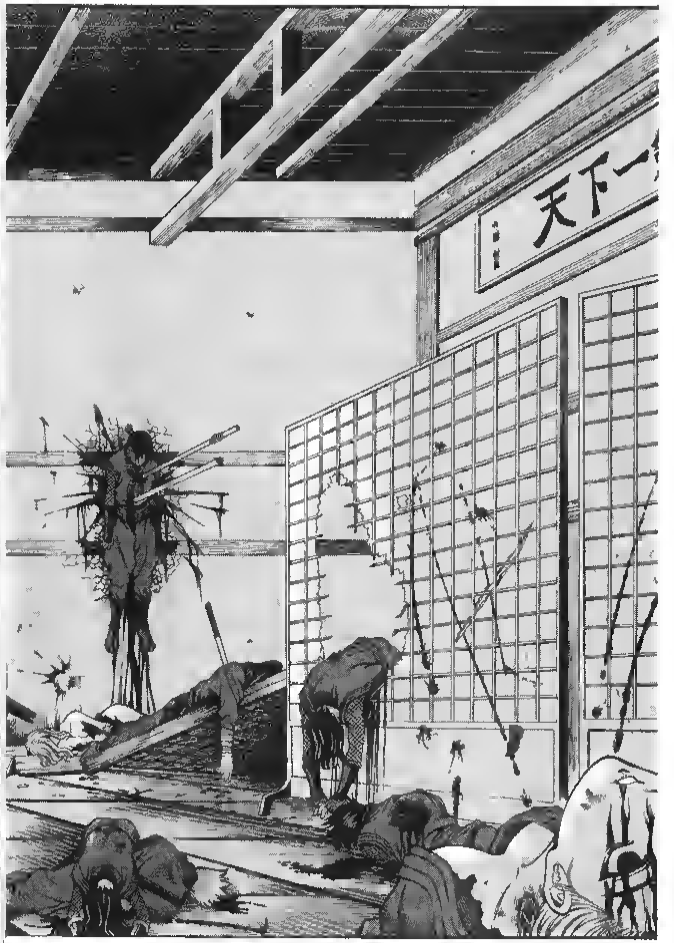

OKAAAY...
THERE WERE THREE OR FOUR ATTACKERS
THIS WAS NO IN-AND-OUT CLEAN HIT
WHOEVER DID THIS...
THIS IS HARSH
...REALLY ENJOYED THEIR WORK
HATE TO SAY IT
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE--
IT WAS VAMPIRES.
VAMPIRES... LIKE ME
OOH OH...
SISKA!! YOU ARE ALIVE!!
EI- EIJI...?
VA-VAMPIRES... CAME IN
SO MUCH BLOOD..
BLOOD...
GET BACK!
DON'T GET SO CLOSE!
TOO FAST.
BLOOD...
EIJI, I SAID...
...GET BACK!
THEY WANTED...
BLOOD
I WANT...

...YOUR SWEET...
...SWEET BLOOD!
JUST ONE BITE...
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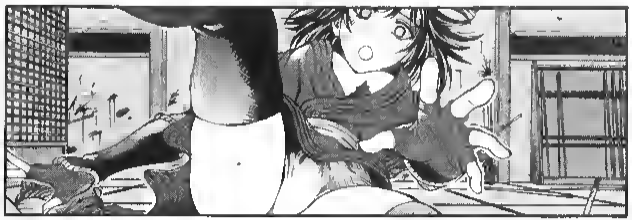

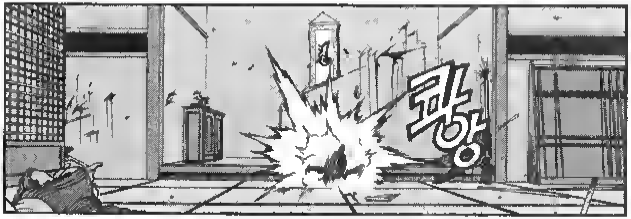
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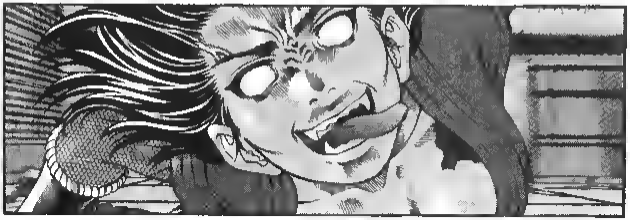

AAH...
AAH...
AAH...

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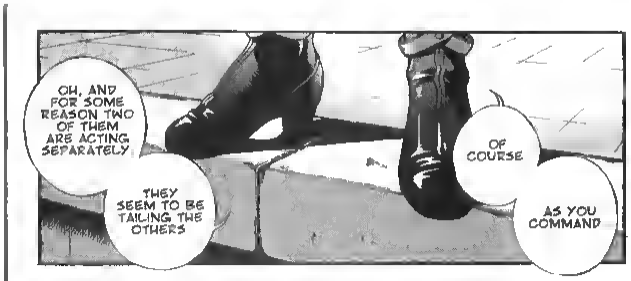
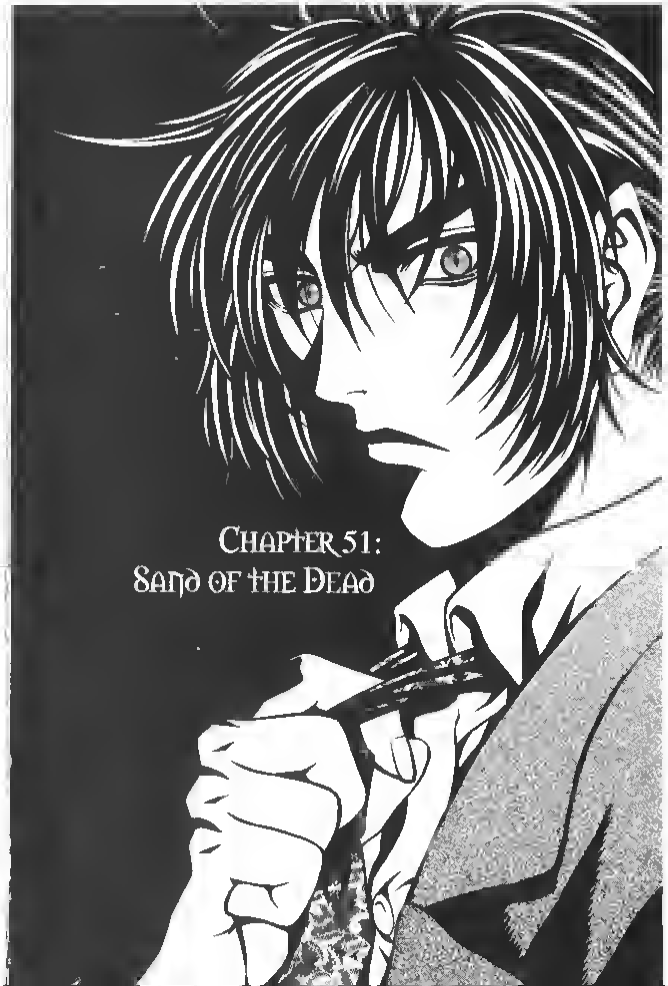
HAAA
yEaaa...
blood...
SWEET... FRESH... HUMAN blood!
GIVE US blood...
AHH!
THEY WERE YOUR COMRADES.
...SO I'LL LET YOU CHOOSE.
THESE WERE ONCE HONORABLE MEN AND WOMEN
IF THEY HADN'T YET TRANSFORMED I COULD REDUCE THEM TO THE SAND OF THE DEAD UNTIL WE KILLED THEIR ATTACKERS BUT NOW IT'S TOO LATE
THERE ARE TWO OPTIONS.
GIVE THEM A MERCIFUL DEATH, OR LEAVE THEM...

...AS THE WALKING UNDEAD.
Feed
Feed
Feed
WE HAVEN'T MUCH TIME, BOY. CHOOSE
奇
奇
奇
ZOOO

YES.
YES. JUST AS YOU COMMANDED
NO. IT WAS SIMPLER THAN ANTICIPATED
ALTHOUGH REPOSE AND LESTER BECAME A BIT OVER-ENTHUSIASTIC
YES. THEY SHOULD HAVE ARRIVED BY NOW. ALBEIT TOO LATE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE





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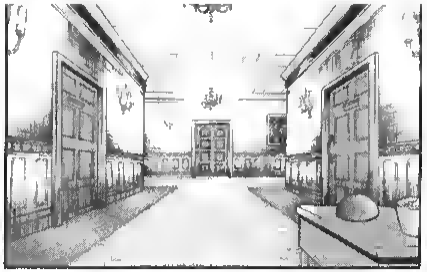

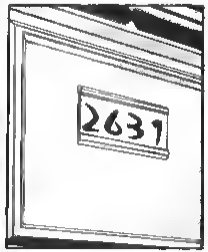
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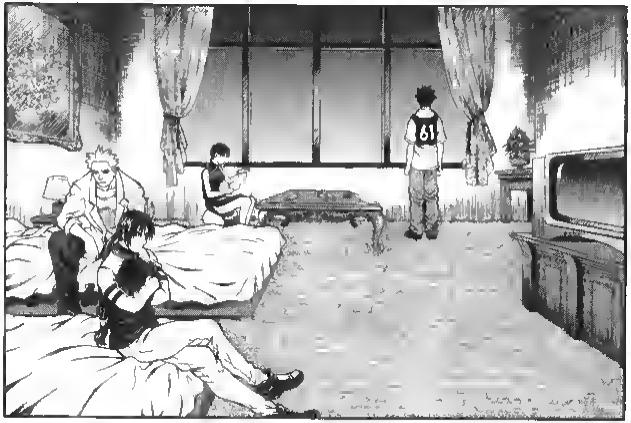
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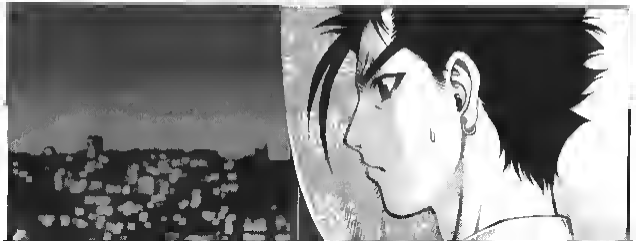


KILL THEM ALL!!
GOOD CHOICE.
DON'T LET THEM SUFFER FOR ETERNITY...
NOT LIKE THIS!
PLEASE... JUST KILL THEM

NEED HELP, DESH?
I THINK I CAN MANAGE
I'M SORRY...
I'M SORRY... MY FRIENDS!

Hssss!!
퍽
HURK?!
퍽
토닥

SKREEE!!
AHK!
AH!
HSSS!!
THUD!

I'M SORRY...

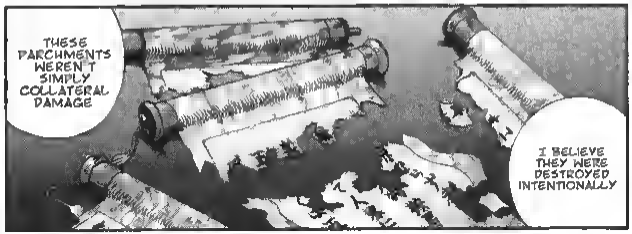
DAMMIT!

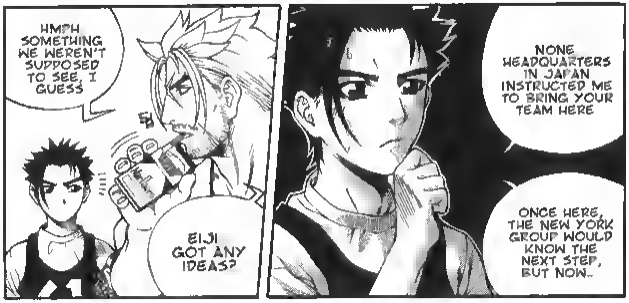
DON'T BEAT YOURSELF UP, EIJI. YOU DID THE RIGHT THING.

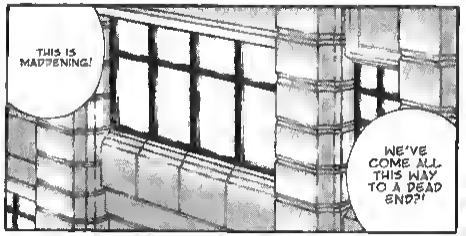
AND WHEN WE FIND THE BLOODSUCKERS THAT DID YOUR FRIENDS...
...WE'LL GET SOME PAYBACK--BIG-TIME.

THAT WE WILL, MASTER RETT.
AND THANK YOU.

ANYTHING YET, BERYUN?
ANY CLUES IN THOSE DOCUMENTS WE BROUGHT FROM THE NINJAS' BASE?
NO, I'M AFRAID NOT.
MOST OF THE DOCUMENTS WERE COMPLETELY DESTROYED AND THE ONE FRAGMENT LEFT...
...SEEMS ALL BUT MEANING-LESS




HMPH SOMETHING WE WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO SEE, I GUESS
EIJI GOT ANY IDEAS?
NONE HEADQUARTERS IN JAPAN INSTRUCTED ME TO BRING YOUR TEAM HERE
ONCE HERE, THE NEW YORK GROUP WOULD KNOW THE NEXT STEP, BUT NOW..



Communication Parchment†

WHY BOTHER? SHE'S THE ONE WHO SENT US ON THIS WILD GOOSE CHASE TO BEGIN WITH!
ANCIENT SCROLLS... THE STARS... BAH! I DON'T THINK THE OLD WOMAN'S ALL THERE!

AND YET... VAMPIRES! VAMPIRES STILL EXIST IN THE WORLD?
OTHER THAN MY FATHER, I'VE NEVER KNOWN A PURE VAMPIRE BEFORE
ROOM SERVICE
THERE'S A PACKAGE FOR MR RUDBICH

ANYONE EXPECTING A PACKAGE?
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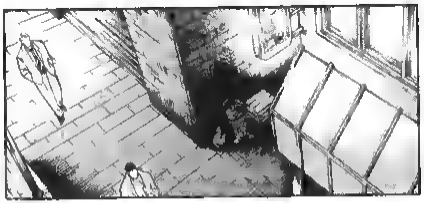
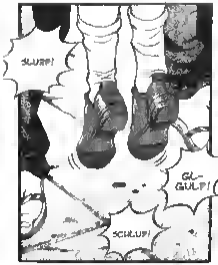
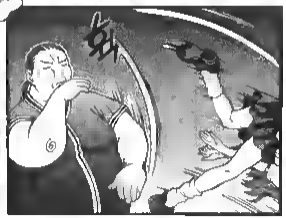



SLURP!
GL GULP!
SCRLUP!

BURP!



YOU'RE MAKING A PIG OF YOURSELF, LESTER
YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN TO STOP

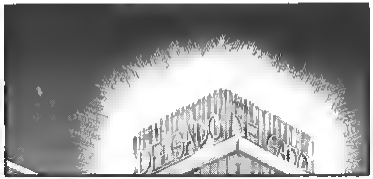
AW...NOW DON'T BE LIKE THAT, RANG.
I'VE WAITED 20 YEARS TO TASTE THESE CITY GIRLS
JUST CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF WE DON'T NEED THEM SHAMBLING ABOUT

BELOSE, WHAT ARE THEY UP TO NOW?
WHOLE LOTTA NOTHING, AT THE MOMENT RANG
TALKIN' 'BOUT SOME PACKAGE THEY JUST GOT
The room is bugged
A PACKAGE?
CAN'T BE NUTHIN' IMPORTANT 'SIDES WE TOOK CARE OF ALL THEM NINJAS
AND MR GREY TOOK CARE OF THEM OTHERS SO AIN'T NO ONE GONNA TELL RUBICH NOTHIN'
HMM.. PERHAPS
PERHAPS IT IS NOTHING..

BELOSE!!
WHAT'S INSIDE THAT BOX?!
WHA--?!
IT AIN'T NUTHIN'! I WOULDA TOLD YOU IF IT WAS SOMETHIN' FISHY!
SOME-THING..
..FEELS STRANGE..
IT'S LIKE..
IT'S LIKE..
DAMMIT'
WE NEED TO GET THAT BOX
HUH?
LET IT GO, RANG. YOU KNOW WHAT MR GREY SAID SURVEILLANCE ONLY
THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN TAKE THAT GUY ON GREY TOLD US TO STAY IN PLACE OR WE'D BE DEAD
I KNOW
BUT I THINK IF WE STAY HERE, WE'LL LOSE THEM

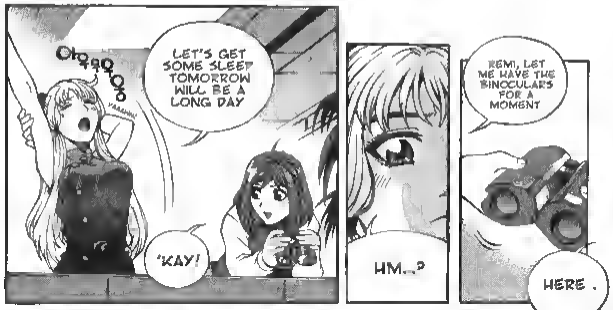
BESIDES...
MAYBE WE CAN'T TAKE HIM ON DIRECTLY
WOO HOO! YUR ONE GUTSY GAL, RANG!
BUT STEALING A LITTLE BOX ISN'T OUT OF BOUNDS, IS IT?
AND YUR TAKIN' FULL RESPONSIBILITY!
YOU GOT IT.

YEAH! LET'S GO!

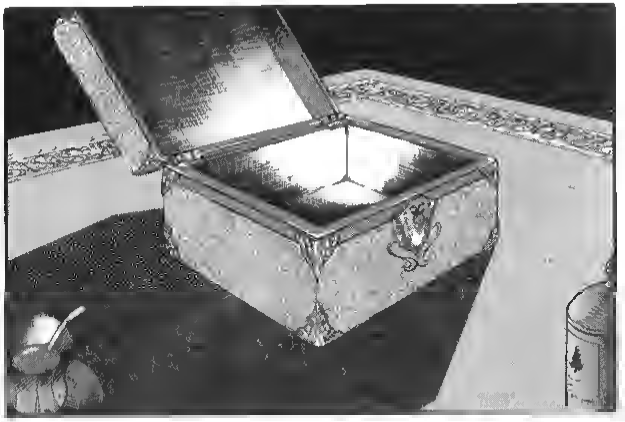


WELL... WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

UM THEY'RE JUST TALKING THAT'S IT!
MAYBE THEY'RE JUST GOING TO STAY HERE TONIGHT?
ARGH! WHAT ARE THEY SAYING? THIS IS SO FRUSTRA-TING!
TSK...THAT BIG JERK!
IF RETT DOESN'T TURN ON THE SOUND OF THE PARCHMENT THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO
HE GAVE US THE DARN THING...WHY WON'T HE LET US HEAR?


LET'S GET SOME SLEEP TOMORROW WILL BE A LONG DAY
'KAY!
HM...?
REMI, LET ME HAVE THE BINOCULARS FOR A MOMENT
HERE .

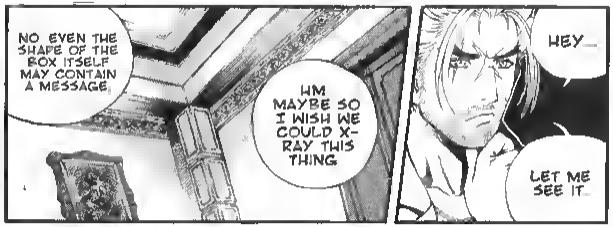
INTERESTING
WHAT?



INTEREST-ING...
WHAT KIND OF PLAY IS THIS? EMPTY BOX, ANONYMOUS SENDER...?

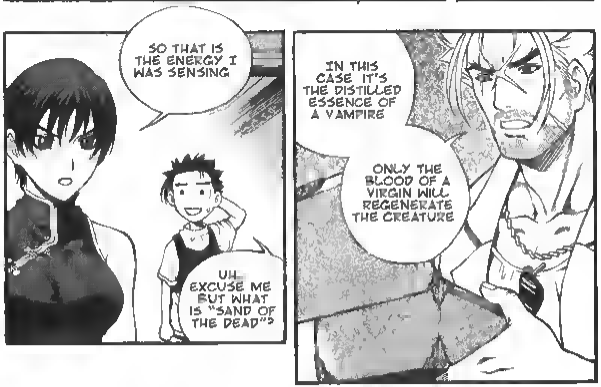
THIS IS NO SIMPLE, EMPTY BOX. THERE IS SOMETHING MORE
I AGREE. THERE'S SOME SORT OF ENERGY EMANATING FROM IT

DOESN'T LOOK SO SPECIAL.
SHOULD I SMASH IT?


NO EVEN THE SHAPE OF THE BOX ITSELF MAY CONTAIN A MESSAGE
HM MAYBE SO I WISH WE COULD X-RAY THIS THING
HEY...
LET ME SEE IT

AH-HA...
AH-HA?
THERE'S A FALSE BOTTOM SIMPLE TRICK
WHEN YOU TAKE OUT THIS FAKE BOTTOM...
...THE SECRET COMPARTMENT IS REVEALED

IT'S..
THIS IS A...
IT'S A VA-VAMPIRE'S..
...SAND OF THE DEAD!


SO THAT IS THE ENERGY I WAS SENSING
UH... EXCUSE ME BUT WHAT IS "SAND OF THE DEAD"?
IN THIS CASE IT'S THE DISTILLED ESSENCE OF A VAMPIRE
ONLY THE BLOOD OF A VIRGIN WILL REGENERATE THE CREATURE

WHAT'S THE CALL, DESH? THIS VAMP COULD BE ANYBODY, WE CAN'T JUST--
RETT, WE HAVE NO CHOICE WE REANIMATE IT
WE'RE STUMBLING BLINDLY HERE THIS MAY BE OUR ONLY CLUE
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GOOD POINT BERYUN, BE A GOOD GIRL AND GIVE US A DROP OF BLOOD

I'M SORRY, RETT...
BUT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE WITH MY BLOOD

OH, REALLY?
BUT IF YOU'RE

WH-WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "IMPOSSIBLE"?
HEE!
YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THAT YOU...?!
HOW COULD YOU?!
IT'S ALWAYS THE QUIET ONES, ISN'T IT?!
UH RETT?
WH-WHY NOT ME?! WHY?!
TEMPTRESS!
OOH!
BLOODY TEMPT--!
OOH!
IDIOT

SO, BERYUN...

YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOUR BLOOD WON'T WORK BECAUSE YOU AREN'T HUMAN?
YES.

UH RIGHT I KNEW THAT

DAMN.. THEN IT WILL HAVE TO WAIT
WHOSE BLOOD REVIVED YOU, BROTHER DESH?
REMI'S AND DON'T CALL ME BROTHER
OKAY, OKAAAY...

ARGH! THE ONE THING THAT BIRD-BRAIN IS GOOD FOR...
I NEVER DREAMED I'D WISH THOSE TWO WERE STILL WITH US!

HEY - NO ONE TO BLAME BUT YOURSELF, DESH

OH WELL, WE'LL JUST HAVE TO FIND ONE
A VIRGIN? IN NEW YORK THESE DAYS?
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA ASK EVERY GIRL... ARE YOU A VIRGIN?
ANY BETTER IDEAS?!

HERE'S THE SEARCH CRITERIA!
1) THE UGLIEST!
2) THE FATTEST!
3) THE TACKIEST! IF WE LIMIT OUR SEARCH TO THESE GIRLS WE'LL SAVE SOME TIME

A BRILLIANT ANALYSIS THAT CRUELLY GETS TO THE HEART OF THE MATTER BUT...
I SHUDDER TO THINK OF THE SELECTION PROCESS THAT LIES AHEAD
WANTED
U-HOW RIGHT YOU ARE, MASTER

WILL YOU TWO SHUT UP AND--

LOOK OUT!

A VAMPIRE!
HEH HEH
?
KRAK
KRAK

HRAH!
SOOK
HOLD THIS BOY!
OH! R-RIGHT!
TARGET LOCATED
MOVE IT, RANG!! DON'T GIVE 'EM NO ROOM!
GOT IT!
FLICK

TOO CRAMPED WE NEED TO SEPARATE THEM
RIGHT
EH..?
ACK!!
BATTLE SWORD!
OHM!
BELOSE..!
-EEK!

AAAH!!
KA-KAFF!

RANG!!
GREY WAS RIGHT! THESE GUYS ARE OUTTA OUR LEAGUE!
SHH! WE NEED THAT BOX! DON'T SHOW ANY WEAKNESS NOW!
NOW, THEN. WHO ARE YOU?
AND WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I'M RANG. HE'S BELOSE
WE'RE UNDER ORDERS TO TAKE YOU OUT
"TAKE US OUT"?
SHE'S PUTTING ON A BRAVE FACE, BUT..
..HER LEGS SHAKE LIKE A NEWBORN CALF'S

SHE'S LYING, DESH! THEY WEREN'T TRYING TO KILL US
THEY'RE AFTER SOMETHING
MY THOUGHTS EXACTLY, RETT

A-HA...
멀뚱-
SHE'S HOT
DAMN! SHOULD GET TO THEEB
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THEY WERE QUITE TASTY...
THE NINJAS, I MEAN.

BUT THEY WERE WEAK AND AFRAID
AND THEY DIED IN AGONY

IT WAS YOU!!
Y-YOU
YOU FOOL! GET BACK!

THE BOX?!
THEY WANT THE BOX!

UH?!
GOT IT!

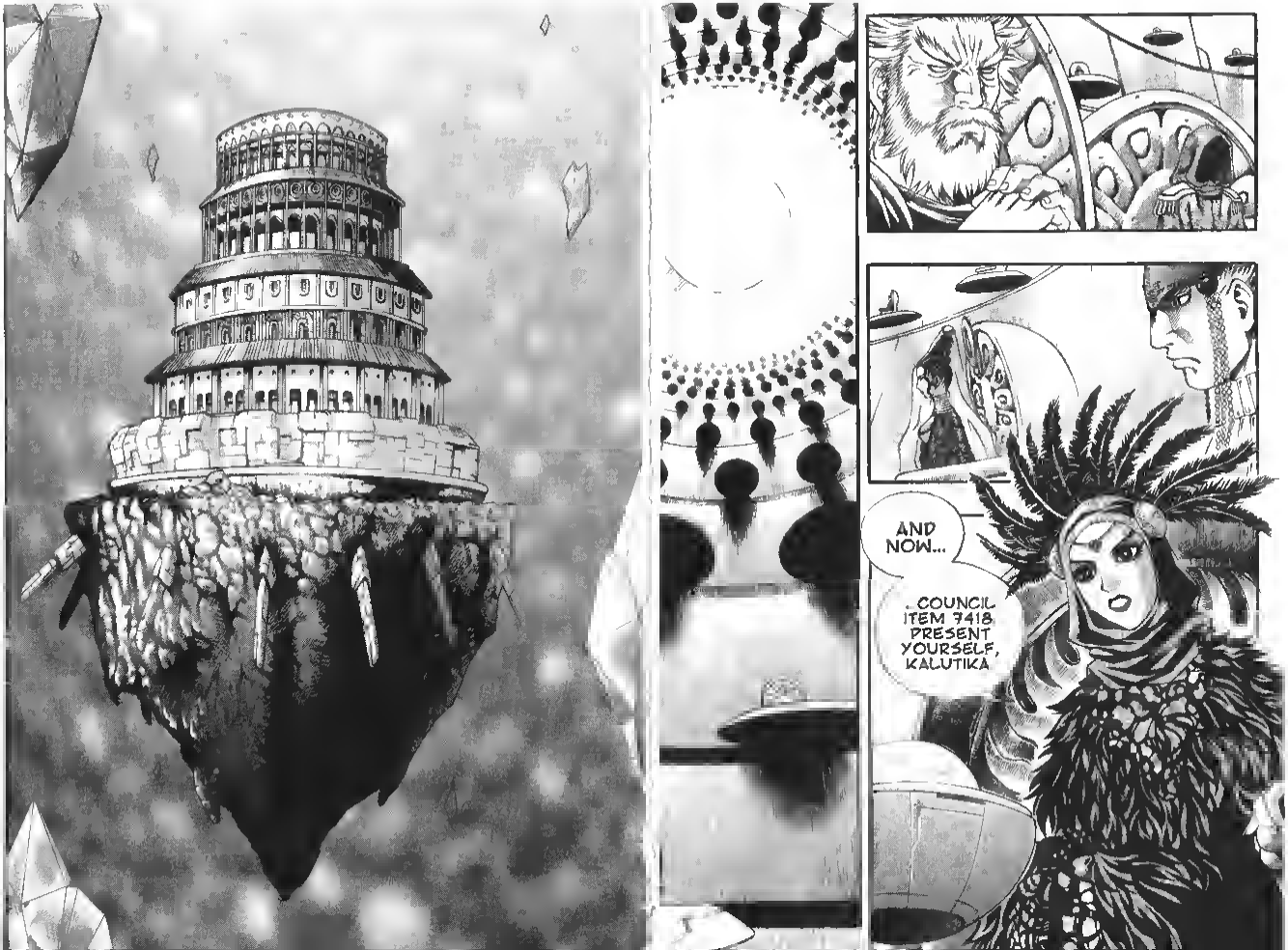
LESTER! TAKE IT! GO! GO!
WHA-? ANOTHER ONE?!
HEH HEH LESTER MAY BE FAT, BUT HE'S FAST
AN' A HEAD START'S ALL HE NEEDS
JUK NAH JUK GA OHM!
YE HE HE!
!

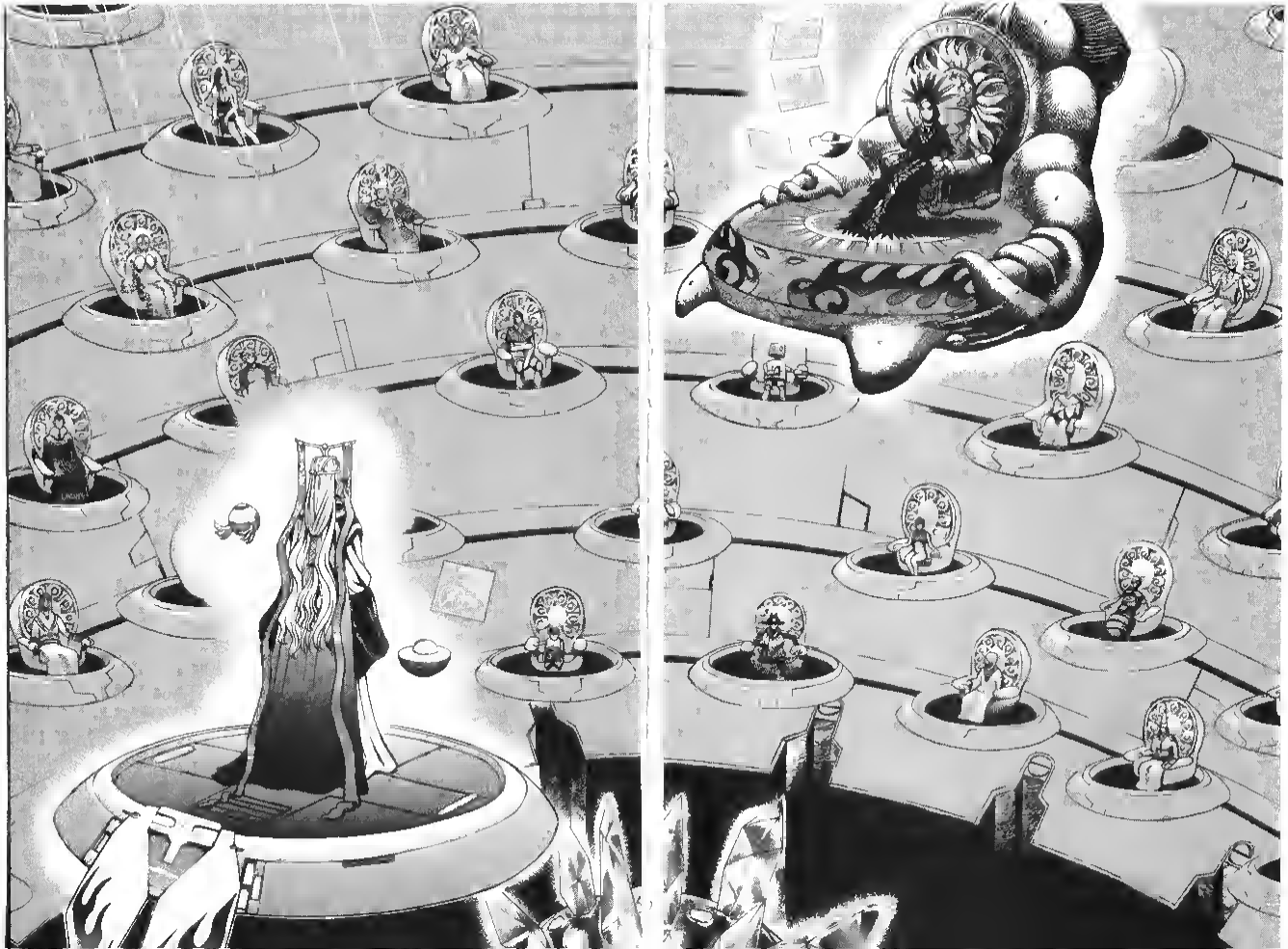
AWW- CRAP
RANG! I GOTTA PROBLEM
SA BA HA!
BE- BELOOOSE!
KYAK!!

DON'T KILL HER, RETT!! SHE HAS INFORMATION!
I'LL GET THE OTHER ONE!
MMPH!!
RIGHT, DESH!
HRGH!
THE FAT ONE'S SPEED IS INCREDIBLE!
HA! COME AND GET ME!
HOLY-
~SPEAR!!
MILLENEAR?!

YOU WERE ABOUT TO LOSE HIM, DESWITA?.
HOW EMBARRASSING WOULD THAT HAVE BEEN?
A "THANK YOU" WOULD BE NICE
PUR...
BEHIND YOU!
LOOK OUT!
MILLENEAR!
MILLE-- SHE'S
SHE'S GONE!
REMI, CATCH!
AH! I-I GOT IT!
U. URK
H-HEY KOFF! HEY, BIG F-FELLA..
HUH? YOU STILL KICKING?
Y-YOU EVER-KOFF! YOU EVER HEAR A SOMETHIN' CALLED
A PYRRHIC VICTORY?
CLICK!

FIGHT


AND NOW...
. COUNCIL ITEM 7418 PRESENT YOURSELF, KALUTIKA



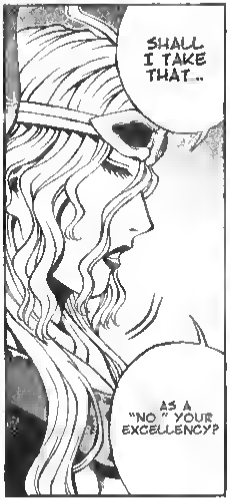
CHAPTER 52
THE FIRST CLUE

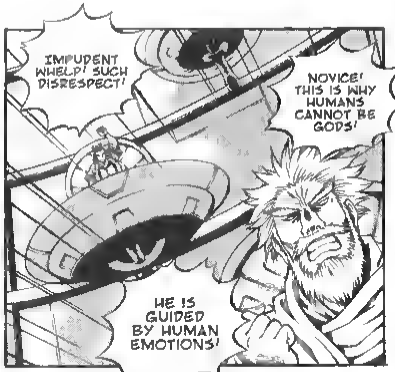
YOUR EXCELLENCY
THIS WILL BE THE 179TH.
AMELUS, GODDESS OF WISDOM, I BEG YOUR INDULGENCE
179. DO YOU KNOW THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS NUMBER?
OVER THESE HUNDREDS OF YEARS, I HAVE PRESIDED OVER EXACTLY 179 SESSIONS, AND EACH TIME, YOU HAVE MADE THIS REQUEST.
WHEN WILL YOU ACCEPT OUR DENIAL?
AND A FOOLISH ONE
DURING YOUR ENTIRE TENURE AS THE GOD OF LIGHT, RULING OVER THE KINGDOM OF EARTH...
...HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU BROUGHT THIS EXACT REQUEST BEFORE THE COUNCIL?
IT IS AN EXERCISE IN FUTILITY
YOU ARE A YOUNG GOD KALUTIKA

LORD AMELUS...
...IF YOU WOULD BUT EXAMINE MY CASE--

HEAR ME WELL, KALUTIKA
YOU MAY CONTINUE TO MAKE THIS UNFOUNDED REQUEST

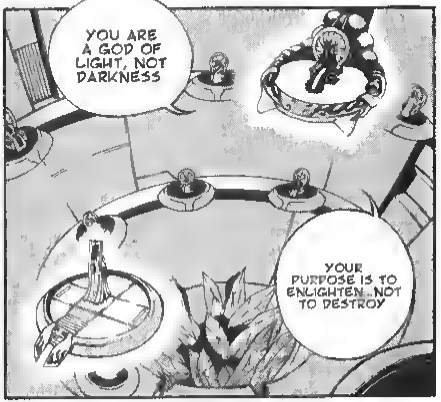
...THIS REQUEST TO DESTROY THE KINGDOM OF EARTH...
...UNTIL THE NEXT MILLENNIUM BUT IT WILL STILL BE REJECTED.
WE ARE NOT THE INSANE GODS OF OLD KALUTIKA


SHALL I TAKE THAT...
AS A "NO" YOUR EXCELLENCY?


IMPUDENT WHELP! SUCH DISRESPECT!
NOVICE! THIS IS WHY HUMANS CANNOT BE GODS!
HE IS GUIDED BY HUMAN EMOTIONS!

SILENCE!
I DEMAND ORDER!

YOUR DESIRE FOR REVENGE
TROUBLES ME, LORD KALUTIKA


YOU ARE A GOD OF LIGHT, NOT DARKNESS
YOUR PURPOSE IS TO ENLIGHTEN...NOT TO DESTROY

ARE THEY NOT INTER-CHANGEABLE?
ENLIGHTEN-MENT DESTRUC-TION...
BESIDES, HUMANITY IS A PESTILENCE AMID THE UNIVERSE... ITS ANNIHILATION WILL LEAD TO THE DAWN OF A NEW AGE
WHAT?!
YOU ARE A DISGRACE, KALUTIKA!
YOU SHAME THE COUNCIL WITH YOU VILENESS!
A MERE NOVICE GOD SPEAKS TO US THUS?!
YOU HAVE LEFT ME SPEECHLESS KALUTIKA.

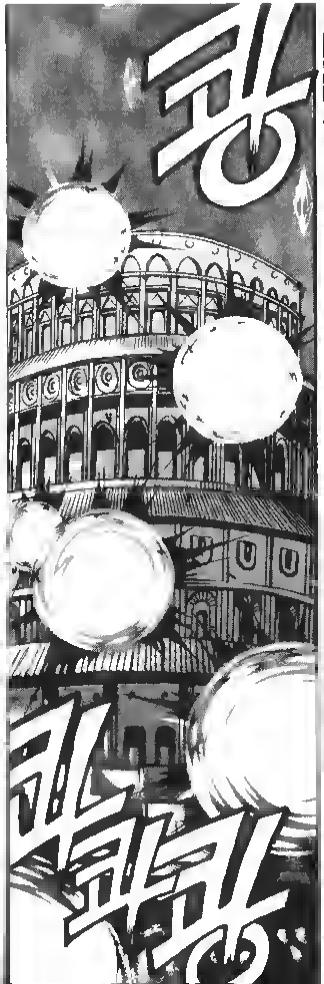
DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS NOW A NEW GOD'S SEED ON EARTH?
DO YOU THINK US BLIND? IT IS OBVIOUS YOU CANNOT MOVE BEYOND YOUR HATRED OF THOSE WHO WRONGED YOU ON THE EARTHLY PLANE
IF YOU CONTINUE ALONG THIS PATH WE SHALL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO END YOUR RULE AND APPOINT ANOTHER
I'LL NOT DISCUSS THIS FURTHER LEAVE US NOW AND REPENT. WE WILL DECIDE UPON WHAT ACTIONS WE SHALL TAKE
NO NEED I'LL NOT MAKE THE REQUEST AGAIN
IT'S TOO LATE TO RETRACT YOUR STATEMENTS, KALUTIKA.
RETRACT..? HA HA! I'VE NOT RETRACTED ANYTHING
I'M SAYING, YOU'LL NEVER AGAIN HEAR MY REQUEST...

WHA-WHAT?!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
ENTER, LILITH!
IS IT DONE?
IT IS DONE...
BUT I BEG YOU TO RECONSIDER KALUTIKA

ONLY GODS MAY ENTER HERE! HOW DARE YOU BRING THIS ATTENDANT?!
REMOVE HER!
CHANCELLOR! WE SHOULD NOT WAIT! EXILE KALUTIKA!
LIKE CACKLING HENS
AND THERE'S A FOX IN THE HENHOUSE.
AH?!

YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY..
TOO MANY GODS SPOIL THE PANTHEON!

NO!
AAAH!
AIEEE!!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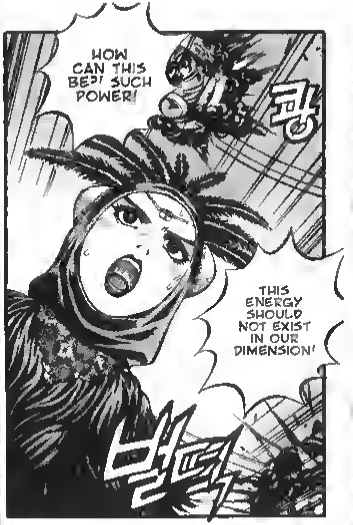
HOW CAN THIS BE?! SUCH POWER!
THIS ENERGY SHOULD NOT EXIST IN OUR DIMENSION!
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TRUE. BUT I HAVE FRIENDS IN LOW PLACES, EXCELLENCY
AND THEY...

HAVE BEEN QUITE ACCOMMO-DATING.
YOU SEE, I'VE MANIPULATED AN INTER-DIMENSIONAL PORTAL.

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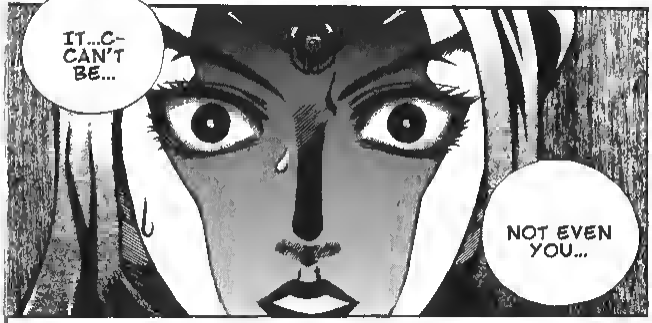
NO...


IT...C-CAN'T BE...
NOT EVEN YOU...

...WOULD JOIN FORCES WITH...
...THE DARK GODS?!

AAAH!
OOF!
IN ORDER TO CONTAIN THE CONFLICTING ENERGIES, THE TEMPLE WILL IMPLODE...
AND YOU SO-CALLED "GODS" WILL CEASE TO EXIST
S-SUCH AN ACT WILL...
HUFF
HUFF
...DESTROY YOU AS W-WELL!
HA HA! FEAR NOT, GODDESS OF WISDOM...
DO YOU THINK I WOULD HAVE LEFT MYSELF WITHOUT AN EXIT STRATEGY?
ONCE I CLOSE THE PORTAL BEHIND ME, THESE DARK GODS WILL BE LITTLE MORE THAN LOST CHILDREN...
WHAT IS IT YOU HOPE TO GAIN? POWER?
POWER?
HA! I HAVE ALL I NEED THAT IS WHAT I PROMISED THESE DEMONS IN EXCHANGE FOR THEIR AID
I'VE TOLD YOU WHAT I DESIRE 179 TIMES
THE TOTAL ANNIHILATION OF HUMANITY NOTHING MORE!
YOU ARE MAD, KALUTIKA
MAD!
YES SO I'VE HEARD

OF
OF
OF
OF
OF

WHA --? A BOMB?!
DON'T PANIC! GET BEHIND ME!
DARK BARRIER!!

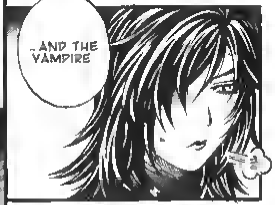
ARSON'S SHIELD!
OH... WOW...!
COOL, BERYUN!!
THAT WAS CLOSE!
KWANG
AAAH!
RUUUN!

DESH! YOU ALL RIGHT?!
FINE!
REMI?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
MILLENEAR...! SHADOW MAN...T-TOOK H-HER...!
OH!
I'LL TELL YOU LATER, RETT LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
HURRY! EMERGENCY STAIRS ARE OVER THERE!
RIGHT!

NOW WHAT THE HELL WAS REMI GOING ON ABOUT?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, A "SHADOW MAN" TOOK MILLENEAR?
THAT'S EXACTLY IT SOMEONE CAME IN AND OUT OF THE SHADOWS SO FAST, I COULDN'T REACT
WAS HE A VAMPIRE?
I COULDN'T SAY FOR SURE, BUT..
I THINK SO.
BUT I'M POSITIVE HE'S WITH HER
HUH?
HEH! YOU'LL GET NOTHING OUT OF ME!
OOOH...
I COULD HAVE DONE WITHOUT COMING BACK HERE...
NO CHOICE, EIJI. WE HAD TO GET DESH INSIDE FAST, BEFORE THE SUN CAME UP.

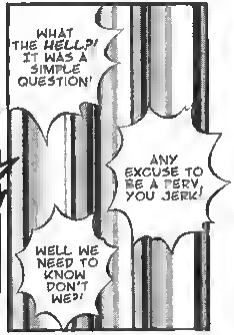
SOB..
SOB..
POOR MILL WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN..?

I DON'T KNOW BUT WE HAVE TWO CLUES..
THE SAND OF THE DEAD IN THIS BOX


-AND THE VAMPIRE

WELL, I SAY WE REVIVE THE SAND FIRST
BIT RISKY, BUT WHAT THE HELL

REMI, YOU'RE STILL CHERRY, RIGHT?
TRF


WHAT THE HELL?! IT WAS A SIMPLE QUESTION!
ANY EXCUSE TO BE A TERV, YOU JERK!
WELL WE NEED TO KNOW, DON'T WE?!

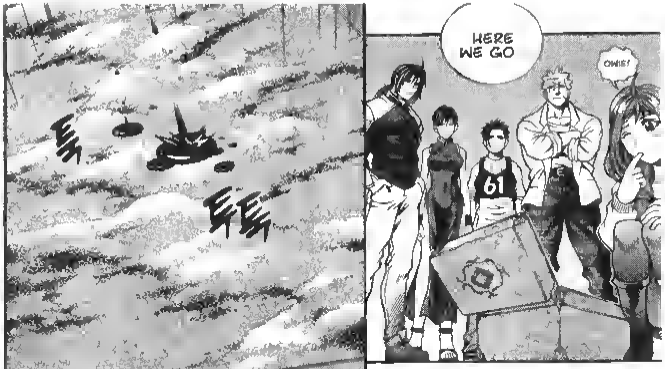
WILL YOU TWO NITWITS SHUT UP?! WE KNOW YOU'RE A VIRGIN--
--SO PUT SOME BLOOD IN THE DAMN BOX!
GULP!
BIT!

ALL RIGHT.. SHEESH!
JUST GIMME THE BOX.

YOU KNOW
I'M ACTUALLY A BIT RELIEVED
SEEING YOU SO WORKED UP.. I GUESS THERE'S HOPE FOR MILL AFTER ALL.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
GOD YOU'RE THICK, DESH

OUCH!


HERE WE GO
OMIE!

OKAAAY WE'RE WAITING.
REMI ARE YOU SURE.

WAIT! THE BOX!!

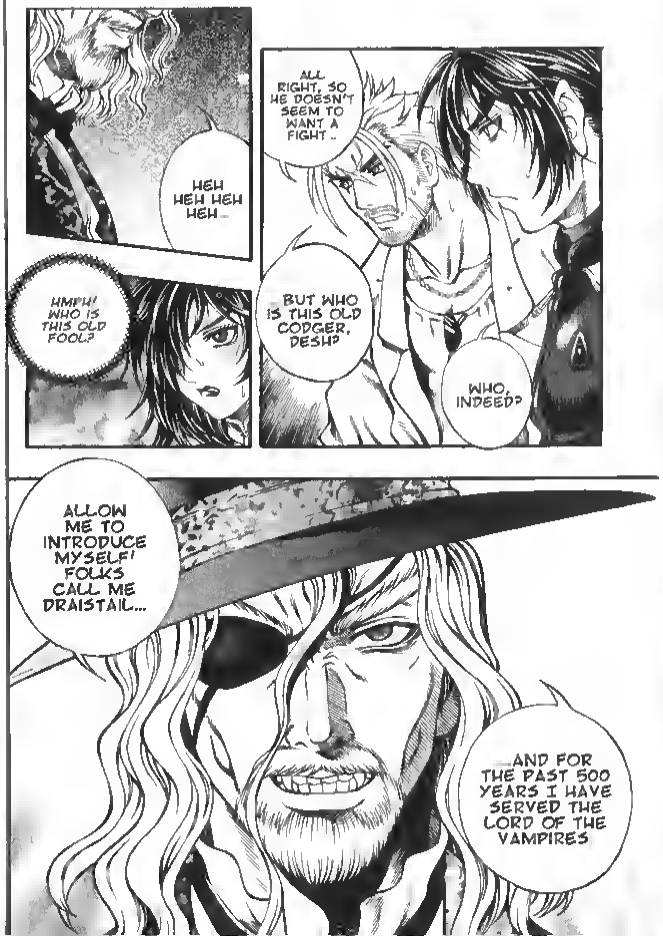
WHAAA?!

IT'S WORKING
WHAT IS IT?
STAY CLOSE, PEOPLE! WE MAY HAVE A FIGHT ON OUR HANDS

WELL, NOW...
WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE?

AH... DESHWITAT L. RUDBICH, I PRESUME?

CHAPTER 53
THE TOURNAMENT
HEE HEE... EASY NOW, FRIENDS... EASY.
THIS OLD MAN IS NOT YOUR ENEMY.

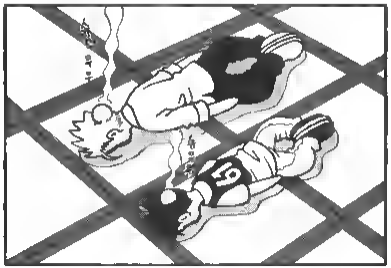

HEH HEH HEH...
ALL RIGHT, SO HE DOESN'T SEEM TO WANT A FIGHT..
HMPH! WHO IS THIS OLD FOOL?
BUT WHO IS THIS OLD CODGER, DESH?
WHO, INDEED?
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF! FOLKS CALL ME DRAISTAIL...
...AND FOR THE PAST 500 YEARS I HAVE SERVED THE LORD OF THE VAMPIRES

LORD OF THE..?
A VAMPIRE KING?
HMM...
WOULD THAT BE A MONARCHY, OR AN ELECTED POSITION?
FIRST I'VE HEARD OF SUCH A THING...
YOU MEAN TO SAY YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF HIM?
PFFT. SEEING AS HOW THAT BASTARD GREY'S KILLED JUST ABOUT EVERYONE...
I'M NOT SURPRISED
AH! IS THIS THE PRETTY MISS WHO BROUGHT ME BACK?
WHOA! EASY, OLD-TIMER!
SUCH SPEED!
TSK... SHAME THOUGH PRETTY YOUNG FLOWER, AS YET UNPLUCKED
EEP
NOT TOO PERSONABLE, THOUGH

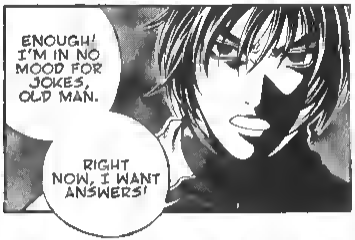
FOR THE LOVE OF GOD!
WHY.
..DO I..
..ALWAYS..
HUP!
HM!
...ATTRACT THE FREAKIN' PERVERTS!
텀!

SLURP!
SLURP!
SLURP!
EWW!! YOU FREAK!
WHAT THE HELL?!
STOP.
STOP
DON'T
NO.
AH, AH, AH, AH..

OOH... DON'T STOP...
UH... CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, BUT SHE'S LIKIN' THAT...
AAH...
PHEWWW... I'VE NEVER EVEN HEARD OF THAT TECHNIQUE!
NNGH...
OOOH...
MMM
AI-YI-YIE...!
Dow
HEH HEH... LIKE THAT, GIRLIE?
NEXT TIME I'LL DO IT PROPER!
EH...?
THAT WAS AMAZING! YOU ARE A FREAKIN' SEX-GOD!
LET US SERVE IN YOUR ARMY OF STUDS!
PLEASE, MASTER! TEACH US YOUR TECHNIQUES!
HA HA HA!
PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT, BOYS...
AND I'LL TAKE YOU UNDER MY WING.
WE WILL! WE WILL!
FILL OUR EMPTY HEADS WITH--

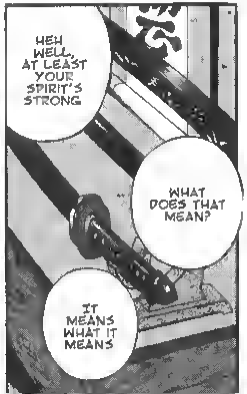


NO NEED TO GET TESTY.
PHEW!
I WAS JUST TRYING TO LIGHTEN THE MOOD


ENOUGH! I'M IN NO MOOD FOR JOKES, OLD MAN.
RIGHT NOW, I WANT ANSWERS!

YES...

HIS EYES SO COLD
IT'S LIKE STARING INTO THE VOID...


HEH. WELL, AT LEAST YOUR SPIRIT'S STRONG
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
IT MEANS WHAT IT MEANS

YOU ARE THE SEED OF CHAOS, DESHWITA!..
A DARK HERO WHO MAY YET SAVE THE WORLD!
HUH?
AN UNHOLY SAVIOR ON THE EVE OF DESTRUCTION

IT'S A LOFTY POSITION YOU'VE BEEN ELEVATED TO, ISN'T IT?
AND YET...

AND YET...
..COULD YOU EVEN RAISE A FINGER AGAINST KALUTIKA?

OH, PLEASE! COMPARED TO HIM...
...YOU ARE A DOG WHOSE BARK CONCEALS HIS LACK OF TEETH
...TO BORROW FREELY FROM A WISE MAN, YOU ARE...
OR...

...FULL OF SOUND AND FURY-- SIGNIFYING NOTHING!
HUP!
WHA-?! I COULDN'T EVEN SEE..!
I SPOKE TOO SOON.
...YOU'RE SLOW AS WELL AS WEAK.

I SEE YOU'VE TAKEN A PRISONER
THEN THE BATTLE WITH GREY HAS BEGUN
WHAT DOES THIS GREY GUY WANT?
SOMEONE JUST SNATCHED OUR FRIEND, AND I'M GUESSING IT'S HIM
NOW THAT'S TOO BAD
I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS
BUT I DO KNOW HE'S THE MOST POWERFUL VAMPIRE I'VE EVER SEEN
I CHANCED THE SAND OF THE DEAD TO ESCAPE HIM AND CONTACT YOU
HE DESTROYED ALL OF MY COMRADES
IN PURSUIT OF HIS OBJECTIVE

TO BECOME LORD OF THE VAMPIRES!
AND RULE OVER THE VAMPIRES OF THE EARTH!

BUT...I THOUGHT HE WAS THE VAMPIRE KING?
NOT QUITE THE CURRENT LORD'S REIGN HAS RECENTLY ENDED
ACTUALLY... HE WAS ASSASSINATED.
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH US
SO WHY ATTACK US IF WE'RE NOT INVOLVED?
AH...BUT HE THINKS YOU ARE.
FOR NOW, THE POST IS EMPTY, BUT SOON THE WORLD'S VAMPIRES WILL GATHER TO CHOOSE ANOTHER.
IT'S MY GUESS THAT HE SEES DESHWITAT AS A RIVAL AND WISHES TO ELIMINATE THAT THREAT.
HE SOUNDS LIKE A FOOL! LET HIM PLAY MONARCH IF HE WANTS TO!
I'VE NO INTEREST IN BEING A "VAMPIRE KING"!
JUST LISTEN... YOU MAY CHANGE YOUR MIND
IF YOU BECAME LORD OF THE VAMPIRES...
...YOU MIGHT GAIN THE POWER TO FACE THE GOD OF LIGHT!

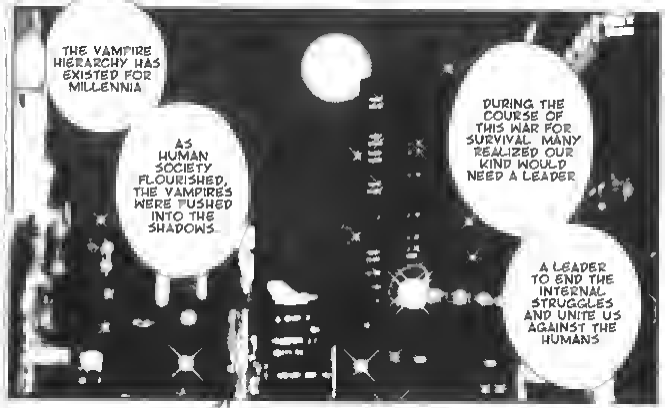
AHH...YES.
I'VE GOT YOUR ATTENTION NOW.

TELL ME!!
WHAT POWER IS THAT?
I TOLD YOU, I WAS ONLY GREY'S SUBORDINATE. I DON'T KNOW HIS POWERS.

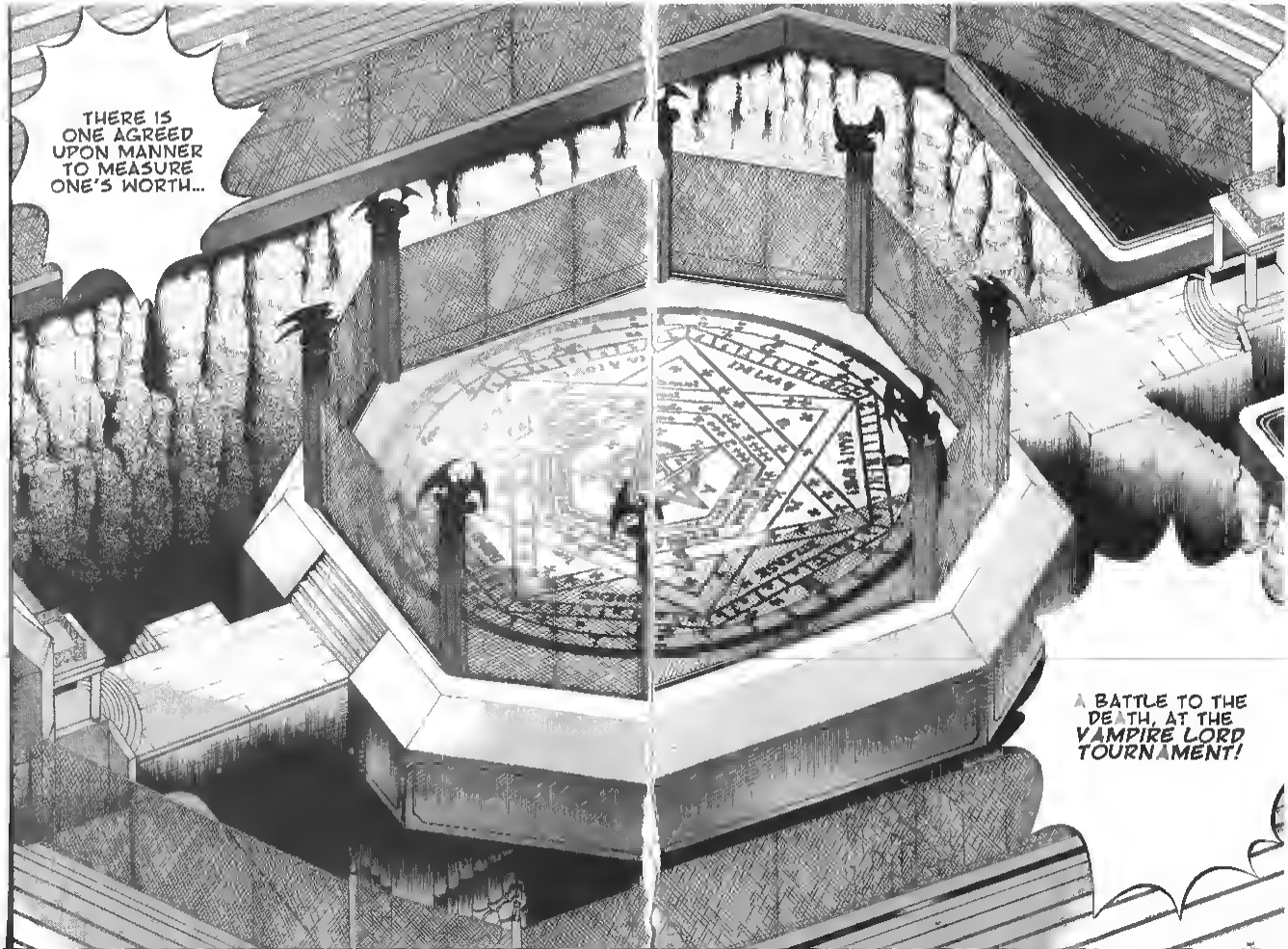
OR THE POWERS OF THE VAMPIRE LORD
BESIDES, I DON'T THINK YOU'RE UP TO THE CHALLENGE

YOU'VE GOTTEN WEAK.
GRRR...

SO TELL ME, POPS..
HOW DO YOU ELECT A VAMPIRE LORD? DRAW STRAWS?
HEH HEH...AN INTERESTING QUESTION BUTLER


THE VAMPIRE HIERARCHY HAS EXISTED FOR MILLENNIA
AS HUMAN SOCIETY FLOURISHED, THE VAMPIRES WERE PUSHED INTO THE SHADOWS.
DURING THE COURSE OF THIS WAR FOR SURVIVAL MANY REALIZED OUR KIND WOULD NEED A LEADER
A LEADER TO END THE INTERNAL STRUGGLES AND UNITE US AGAINST THE HUMANS

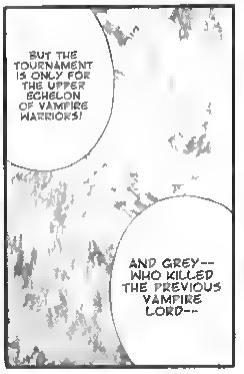
THINK OF IT DO YOU COMPREHEND
HOW POWERFUL THAT CREATURE WOULD NEED TO BE?


THERE IS ONE AGREED UPON MANNER TO MEASURE ONE'S WORTH...
A BATTLE TO THE DEATH, AT THE VAMPIRE LORD TOURNAMENT!

AND YOU, MY DEAR MR DESHWITAT...
..WOULDN'T STAND A SNOWBALL'S CHANCE IN HELL.
ALL RIGHT, I GET IT
I HAVE NO DELUSIONS ABOUT MY POWER COMPARED TO KAL'S.
BUT NEITHER AM I THE TOOTHLESS CUR YOU MAKE ME OUT TO BE.
LET'S SEE..
DESHWITAT L. RUDBICH BORN 1814, TO VAMPIRE FATHER AND A HUMAN MOTHER.
PARENTS MURDERED AT AGE 10 HELD CAPTIVE BY HUMANS FOR SEVERAL YEARS AFTER
1841 CAST INTO SEALED PURGATORY BY THE GOD OF LIGHT RECENTLY RESURRECTED

EXCEPT AS A CHILD, YOU'VE NEVER HAD CONTACT WITH REAL VAMPIRES
THAT'S WHY YOU ARE WEAK!
WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES THAT MAKE?
IT'S A MATTER OF TRAINING, RUDBICH
VAMPIRES ARE WARRIORS BY NATURE YOU WERE BORN WITH CERTAIN ABILITIES AND MANAGED TO LEARN OTHERS ON YOUR OWN.
VAMPIRES ARE VASTLY DIFFERENT FROM HUMANS, BUT YOU FIGHT LIKE ONE OF THEM
DO YOU KNOW THE RULES OF VAMPIRE BATTLE TACTICS? DO YOU KNOW THE INCANTATION OF BLOOD?
OF COURSE YOU DON'T!

DEFEATING THESE LACKEYS WAS NO GREAT FEAT, RUDRICH
MAY YOUR SON OF


BUT THE TOURNAMENT IS ONLY FOR THE UPPER ECHELON OF VAMPIRE WARRIORS!
AND GREY-- WHO KILLED THE PREVIOUS VAMPIRE LORD--

--IS THE MOST DEADLY OF ALL

HMPH! WELL IF ALL OF THIS IS TRUE...
THEN WHY IN THE HELL ARE YOU HERE?!

AND AS FOR THAT GREY BASTARD...
...IF I'M SO WEAK, WHY IS HE BOTHERING WITH ME AT ALL?

MR. GREY IS NOTHING IF NOT CAUTIOUS
HE WON'T LEAVE EVEN THE UNLIKELIEST OBSTACLES TO CHANCE

I'VE HEARD ENOUGH!
MY ENTIRE LIFE HAS GONE AGAINST THE ODDS. I'LL TAKE MY CHANCES

I'LL ENTER THE VAMPIRE LORD TOURNA-MENT...
...AND WIN!

.....
HEH
HEH HEH HEH
HA HA! FINE!
YES! VERY GOOD!
IT BEGINS IN ONE WEEK!
UNTIL THEN, I'LL TEACH YOU ALL I CAN!
IT WON'T BE EASY, SO BE PREPARED!!
I AM READY.

WAIT! WHAT ABOUT MILLENEAR?
WHAT ABOUT MILLENEAR?!

SHE... I...
I NEED TO...

I WOULDN'T WORRY GREY'S METHODICAL
HE WOULDN'T GO THROUGH ALL THIS TROUBLE JUST TO KILL HER

IF SHE'S ALIVE, YOU'LL SEE HER IN A WEEK

IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER

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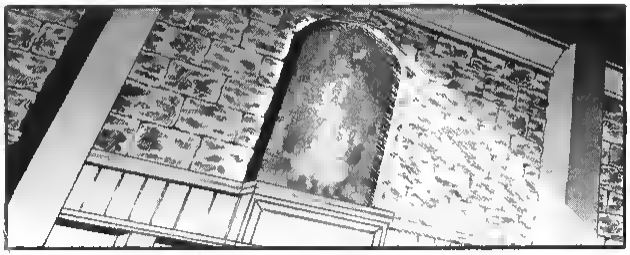

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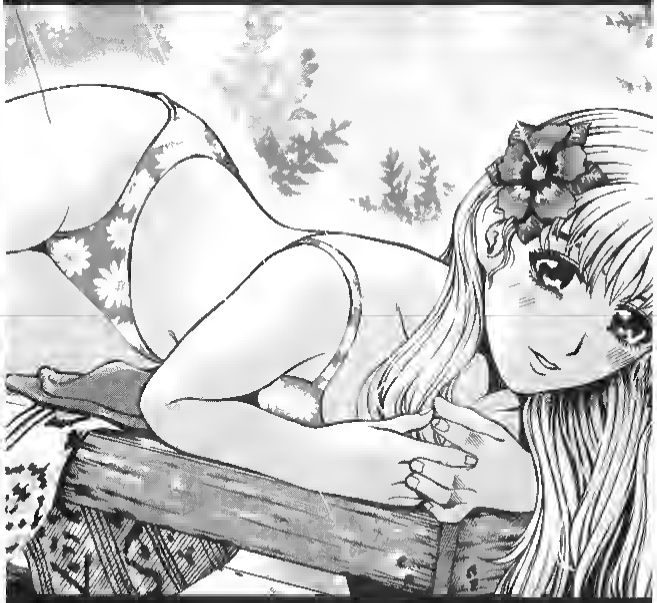

WHAT...
...IS THIS PLACE...?

KOOO
Boo

WHERE ARE MY CLOTHES?
I WAS HELPING DESH...
LAST I REMEMBER, SOMEONE GRABBED ME
I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE...
FIND THE OTHERS...

AH! YOU'RE AWAKE, MILLENEAR!

I'VE NEVER FELT SUCH ENERGY!
A SWIRLING VORTEX OF CONFLICTING ENERGIES!
A STRONG, DARK FORCE... COMBINED WITH THE POWER OF LIGHT
GREETINGS I AM MR. GREY.
AND YOU ARE MILLENEAR SHEPHILD, CORRECT? SUCH AN ODD NAME, THAT
WHY, YES... I ?
I HAVE MY REASONS FOR ABDUCTING YOU.
ALL I ASK IS THAT YOU BEHAVE CIVILLY.
B-BUT... MY CLOTHES?!
OH, THAT I SENSED SOMETHING HIDDEN ON YOUR PERSON
AND I FOUND THIS
IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF WE WERE... DISTURBED
THIS IS THE MAN WHO ATTACKED ME?
IS HE HUMAN... OR VAMPIRE? IT'S HARD TO TELL...
HIS ENERGY IS DIFFERENT FROM OTHER VAMPIRES..
I ONLY MEANT TO DAZE YOU TO MAKE THINGS EASIER...
I GUESS I HIT YOU HARDER THAN I THOUGHT SO SORRY!

NO MATTER. IT IS NO MORE THAN USELESS PAPER NOW
THE PARCHMENT!
I MUST SAY. YOU HAVE A DELICIOUS BODY
IT'S BEEN DIFFICULT TO CONTAIN MYSELF, MILLENEAR
BASTARD!
I NEED A WARRIOR..
NOT A DEBUTANTE!
A WARRIOR!
ALL RIGHT, DESH, I'LL BECOME A WARRIOR!
WILL THAT PROVE MY WORTH?!
IF I DEFEAT THIS MAN, WILL I BE A WORTHY COMRADE?
AND THEN, MAYBE...
...YOU WILL NEED ME.
HEY THERE! I WAS ONLY JESTING!
STOP, NOW! NO TEARS, OKAY?
THIS BASTARD IS MOCKING ME! I'LL NOT STAND FOR IT!
WELL HE WON'T BE PREPARED FOR WHAT COMES...
...NEXT!

HMM?
DEAR GOD! I REALLY DID IT!

URG...
K-KOFF-!
NOW THAT...WAS UNCALLED FOR...
I LIKED THAT SHIRT... AND NOW LOOK AT IT!
NO!!
MILLENEAR... IT'S STUNTS LIKE THAT...
...THAT MAKE YOU MORE ATTRACTIVE THAN EVER.

BUT...
YOU NEED TO GET SOME REST
THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY
DON'T TOUCH--
!
DESH...
DE... DESH...

Pearl
Giant Robo

NNG...
HNN...
OOH...
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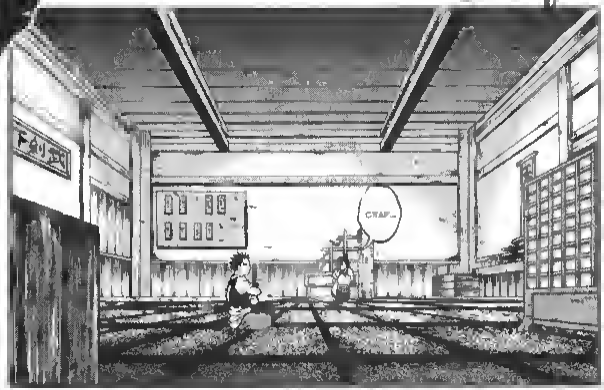
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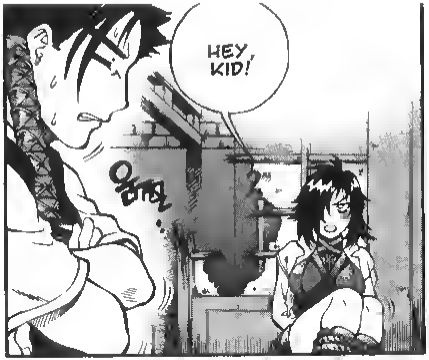
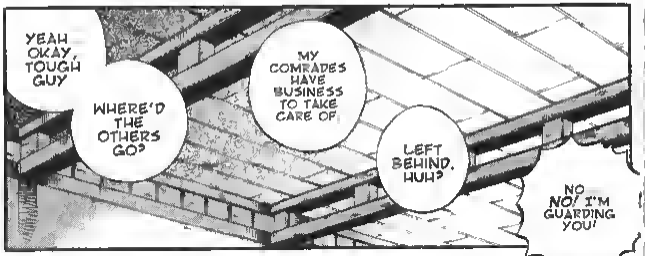
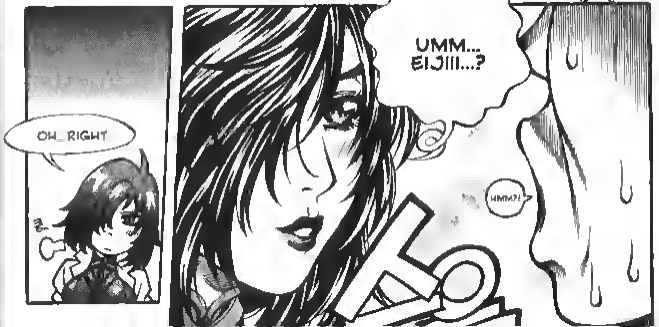

HEY, KID!
I'M INABA EIJI OF THE CHUN-SIN SECT'S PAE-SIN FAMILY.
DON'T CALL ME "KID."

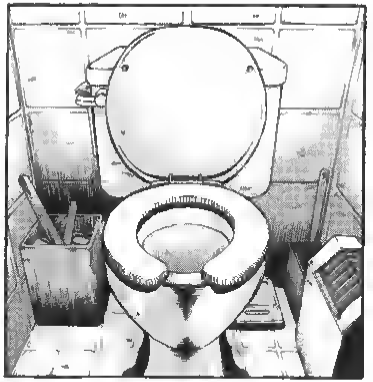

YEAH, OKAY, TOUGH GUY
WHERE'D THE OTHERS GO?
MY COMRADES HAVE BUSINESS TO TAKE CARE OF.
LEFT BEHIND, HUH?
NO, NO! I'M GUARDING YOU!

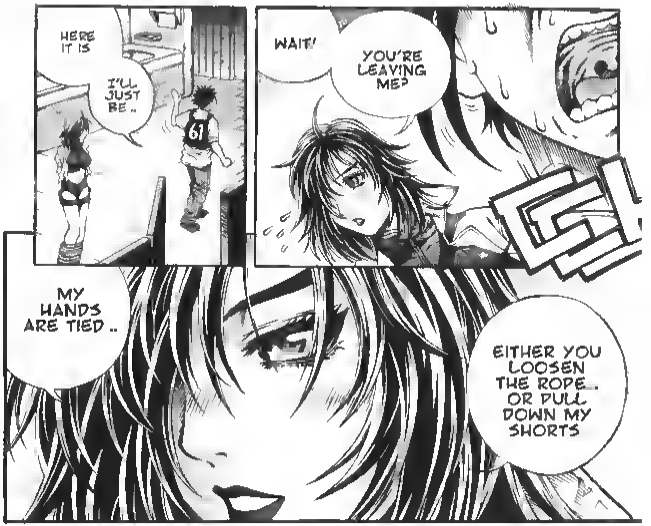

OH...RIGHT
UMM... EIJIII...?
HMM?!

W--
WH--
WHA--
WHAT...?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
I-I'M WARNING Y-YOU! STAY AWAY!

.....
BUT I'M...
...SO HUNGRY, EIJI.
C'MON! KEEP IT TOGETHER, EIJI!
SHE'S THE ENEMY! SHE'S A V-VAMPIRE!
H-HERE! BROTHER DESH LEFT YOU SOME PLASMA!
MEDICAL BLOOD
OHH, BUT MY HANDS ARE TIED. PLEASE FEED ME.
.....!!

SUCK
THERE BETTER?
MMM.. YES THANKS, EIJI
ACH! WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING?!
AAAH! YOU REALLY SAVED ME!
YOU'RE VERY KIND
OH, WELL.. IT WAS NOTHING..
UH...ONE MORE THING..
I NEED TO GO TO THE BATHROOM
E-BUT WHY DO YOU N-NEED TO..?
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?




HERE IT IS
I'LL JUST BE..
WAIT!
YOU'RE LEAVING ME?
MY HANDS ARE TIED..
EITHER YOU LOOSEN THE ROPE.. OR PULL DOWN MY SHORTS

NO WAY!!
SEX CRAZED!
MUST TAKE..
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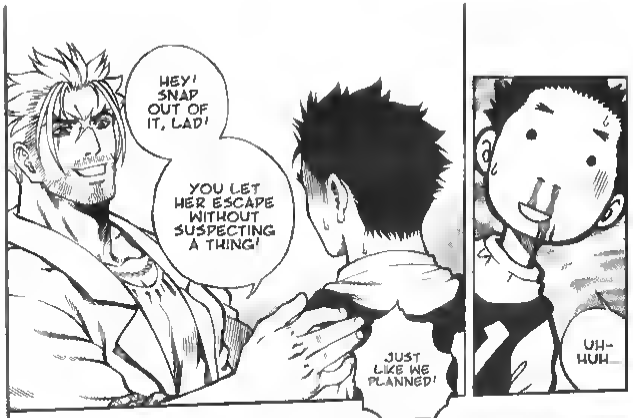
TAKE OFF YOUR SH-SHORTS!
Y-YES..
ON!!

GOOD WORK, EIJI!
UP YOU GO, NOW!!
UH..?
COME TO ME...
MY HIDDEN FLOWER!
UM... OKAAAY...
ULP..
OOO...


HEY! SNAP OUT OF IT, LAD!
YOU LET HER ESCAPE WITHOUT SUSPECTING A THING!
JUST LIKE WE PLANNED!
UH-HUH...

ALL RIGHT... FIRST STEP COMPLETE
I'M SURE BY NOW SHE THINKS SHE'S HOME FREE...
NEVER KNOWING WE'LL BE RIGHT BEHIND HER

BUT I MUST SAY, EIJI, I'M REALLY IMPRESSED!
GREAT ACTING!
...
IT WAS...
ACTING, RIGHT?
.....

NO WORRIES, EIJI!
THE RESULT'S THE SAME!
UM RIGHT
IT'S BERYUN WE'RE READY TO GO
GOOD

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN.

HUFF
HUFF-
HUFF
THIS SHOULD BE FAR ENOUGH AWAY
THESE ROPES SOME SORT OF SPELL ON THEM CAN'T GO BACK TO GREY LIKE THIS
DAMMIT! HAVE THEY FOLLOWED ME?!
EH?!
AAAHH!!

AHH-KAFF! OOH..
COUGH COUGH--
UH AHH
WHO. WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!
COUGH!
COUGH!
I AM THE SHROUD MR GREY HAS SENT ME
IT IS BY HIS COMMAND THAT YOU MUST DIE
THE SH- SHROUD? YOU'RE LYING N-NEVER HEARD OF YOU!
WHY WOULD MR GREY WANT ME DEAD?
YOUR IGNORANCE IS NONE OF MY CONCERN
MY TASK IS YOUR DEATH NOT YOUR EDIFICATION
HUKK!

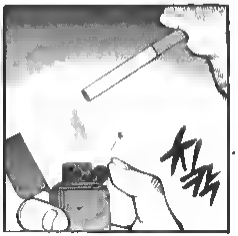
DIE!!
KOO
HEY!
HUH?
NO MR GREY!
WHY WHY...?!
ARGH!!
DESHWITAT!
OUT OF THE FRYING PAN AND INTO THE FIRE, EH?

STAY OUT OF THIS!
HURG!!

OOF!
AAAHH!
HERR IGNORANT FOOL!
I LEAVE YOU NOW, BUT..
..I'LL NOT FORGET THIS INSULT!

COUGH
COUGH
THE SEAL ON THOSE ROPES...
BERYUN ALSO PUT A TRACING SPELL ON THEM.
WE LET YOU GO SO THAT YOU WOULD LEAD US TO GREY.
BUT TO ORDER YOU KILLED
SEEMS WE BOTH MISJUDGED HIM

THAT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
MR GREY WOULD NEVER DO SUCH A THING!
YOUR WOUNDS ARE QUITE DEEP
WE'LL DISCUSS THIS LATER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SHEESH! YOU GUYS ARE PLAYIN' DIRTY I ALMOST FEEL BAD FOR HER
WE'RE IN A WAR, KID
SO RIGHT NOW, THE ENDS JUSTIFY THE MEANS
OR DID YOU FORGET ABOUT MILLENEAR?
HEY, BACK ALREADY?
THAT'S SOME LOOK...
...BERYUN

WELL? HOW'D IT GO?
I DON'T KNOW. SHE'S EXTREMELY SHAKEN.
HMM... I DAMN WELL HOPE SHE FELL FOR IT.
WE NEED TO KNOW WHERE GREY TOOK MILLENEAR
HOW WAS DESH?
HE PULL IT OFF?
I THINK SO
I STILL SAY..
...YOU GUYS
...ARE PLAYING DIRTY

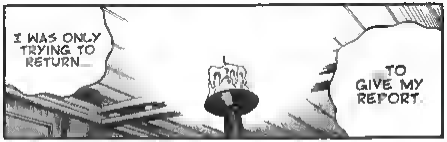
끼오오오

...UH...
HMM...

WELL, LOOK WHO'S UP.
I'D LIE STILL DON'T WANNA OPEN UP THAT WOUND

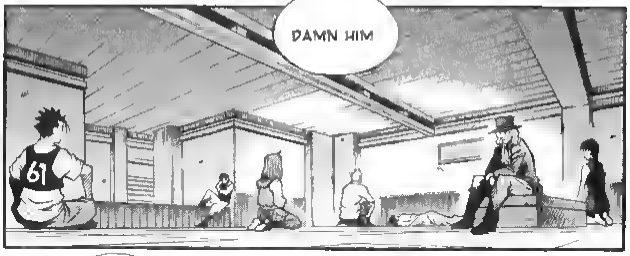
GREY.

..WHAT..
WHAT DID I DO?


I WAS ONLY TRYING TO RETURN...
TO GIVE MY REPORT.

I SERVED HIM FAITHFULLY
I TRULY RESPECTED HIM.

AND THIS...
...IS HOW MY LOYALTY IS REPAID.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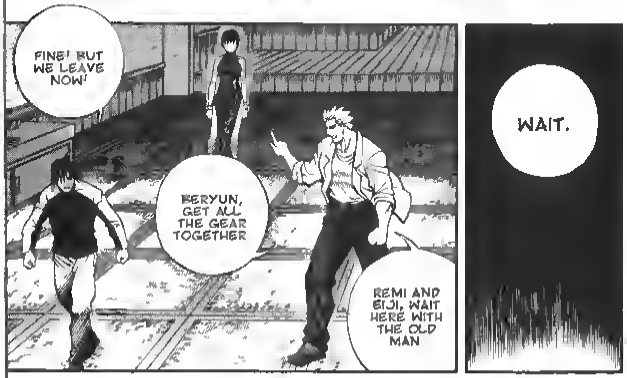
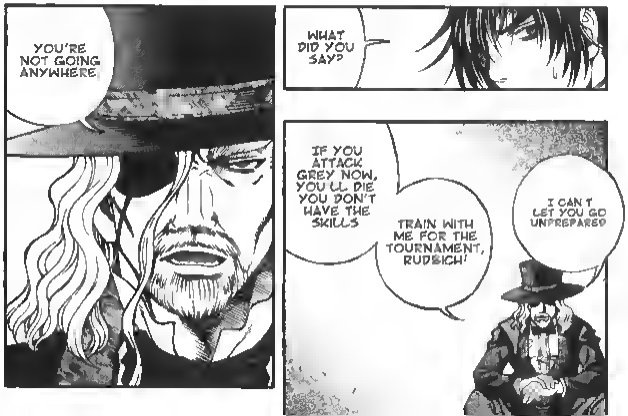
I WILL GUIDE YOU...

I'LL TAKE YOU TO MR GREY PERSONALLY
HE AND I HAVE UNFINISHED BUSINESS


FINE! BUT WE LEAVE NOW!
BERYUN, GET ALL THE GEAR TOGETHER
REMI AND EIJI, WAIT HERE WITH THE OLD MAN
WAIT.


YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE.
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
IF YOU ATTACK GREY NOW, YOU'LL DIE. YOU DON'T HAVE THE SKILLS
TRAIN WITH ME FOR THE TOURNAMENT, RUDEIGH!
I CAN'T LET YOU GO UNPREPARED

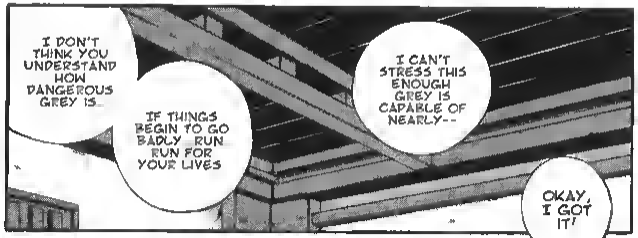
I'M GOING, OLD MAN
DON'T TRY TO STOP ME

FFFT. DIDN'T THINK YOU'D LISTEN TO REASON

HYAH!

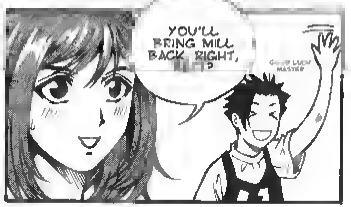
WRONG MOVE!
UNHH?!

AH!
TSK...
LISTEN TO THE OLD MAN
DON'T THINK SO. ANCIENT BINDING SPELL.
YOU BASTARD!
RELEASE ME BEFORE I TEAR YOU TO PIECES!!
IF YOU INSIST ON GOING, I WON'T STOP YOU
BUT HE'S NOT READY
IF YOU SAY SO.


I DON'T THINK YOU UNDERSTAND HOW DANGEROUS GREY IS...
IF THINGS BEGIN TO GO BADLY...RUN RUN FOR YOUR LIVES
I CAN'T STRESS THIS ENOUGH GREY IS CAPABLE OF NEARLY--
OKAY, I GOT IT!

PLAY NICE, KING TUT!
BE BACK SOON!

BERYUN, STICK CLOSE TO OUR FRIEND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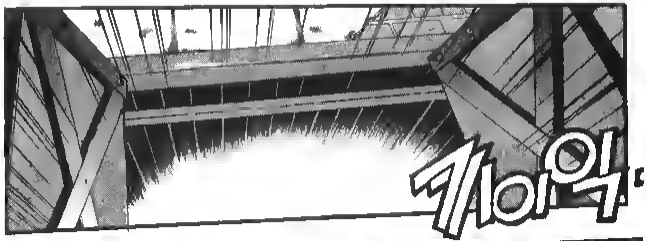
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HANG ON, MILLENEAR WE'RE COMING!

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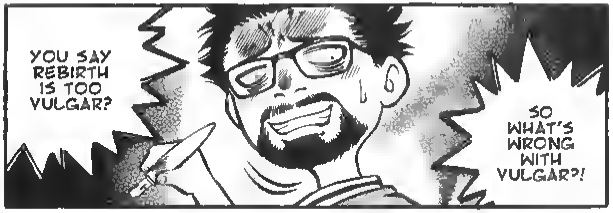

CENSORS!
I DEFY YOU ALL!
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M DRAWING "BATTLE VIXENS"!
THE SALES SUCK ANYWAY! I'LL DRAW WHAT I WANT
MAJOR STRESS BOMB FROM QUITTING SMOKING

QUITTING SMOKING MAY BE GOOD FOR PHYSICAL HEALTH, BUT I'M REALIZING THESE DAYS THAT IT'S NOT GOOD FOR MENTAL HEALTH

BECAUSE OF THIS GUY, I BOUGHT FISHNET STOCKINGS FOR THE FIRST TIME

INABA EIJI

HEIGHT 170 CM WEIGHT 64 KG

I JUST PAINTED HIS HAIR WITH BLACK INK

I BORROWED THE IDEA THAT HE IS FROM MU-YUN-CHUN-SIN SECT

HIS OFFICIAL JOB IS AS A NINJA, BUT IN ACTUALITY, HE HAS NO INTEREST IN BEING A NINJA

INABA EIJI / 19 YEARS OLD / NATIONALITY JAPAN
WE ORIGINALLY CREATED THIS CHARACTER TO BE A PRETTY BOY FOR THE YOUNG GIRL READERS BUT HE JUST TURNED OUT TO BE ANOTHER PERVERT LIKE RETT

I'M INABA EIJI THE 16TH OF THE MU-YUN-CHUN-SIN SECT'S MAGIC FAE-SIN FAMILY

EIJI IS MORE OF A CHARACTER CREATED FOR VISUALS, INSTEAD OF STORY

SPECIAL FEATURE
CHARACTER REALIZATION FILE

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RANG: A VAMPIRE

FOR A PRETTY MINOR CHARACTER, SHE'S A REAL PAIN-IN-THE-ASS TO DRAW

ORIGIANALLY, RANG WAS SUPPOSED TO BE KILLED OFF BY DESHWITAT BUT THE AUTHOR HAS AN UNNATURAL CRUSH ON HIS OWN CREATION, SO HE KEPT HER ALIVE

SHE'S NOT A PARTICULARLY POWERFUL VAMPIRE BUT SHE'S A SCRAPPER AND A SURVIVOR

THIS IS A SEXY WOMAN WHO KNOWS HOW TO USE HER SEXUALITY TO GET WHAT SHE WANTS

NEED TO DEVELOP NEW EYES...

THE COSTUME WAS INSPIRED BY A CERTAIN GAME SHOW HOSTESS

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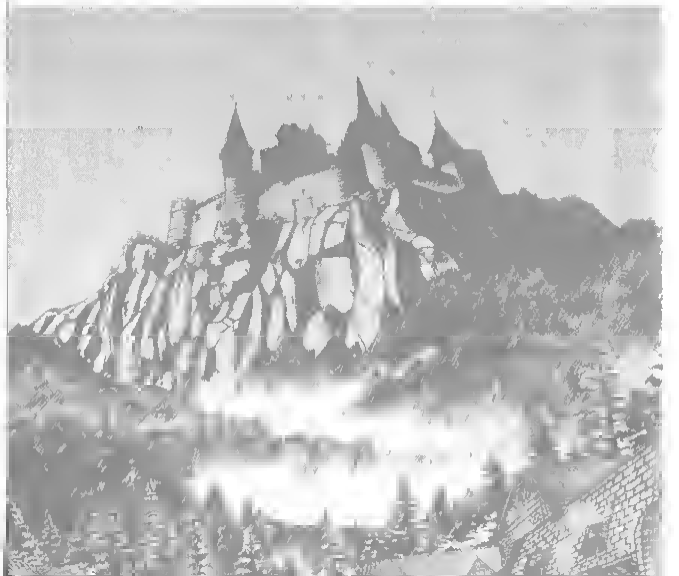

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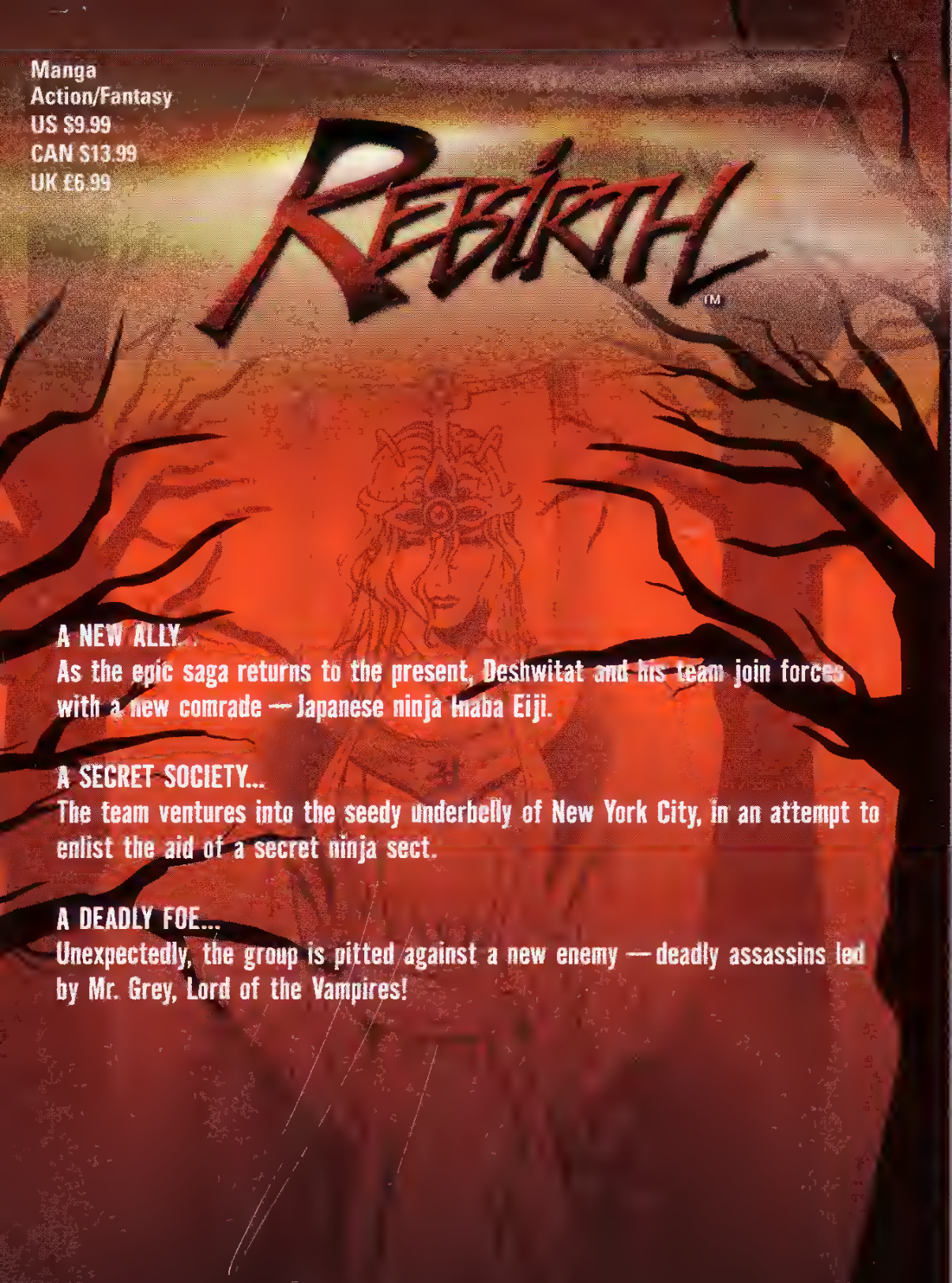

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